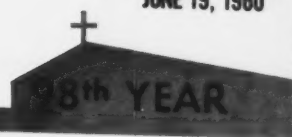
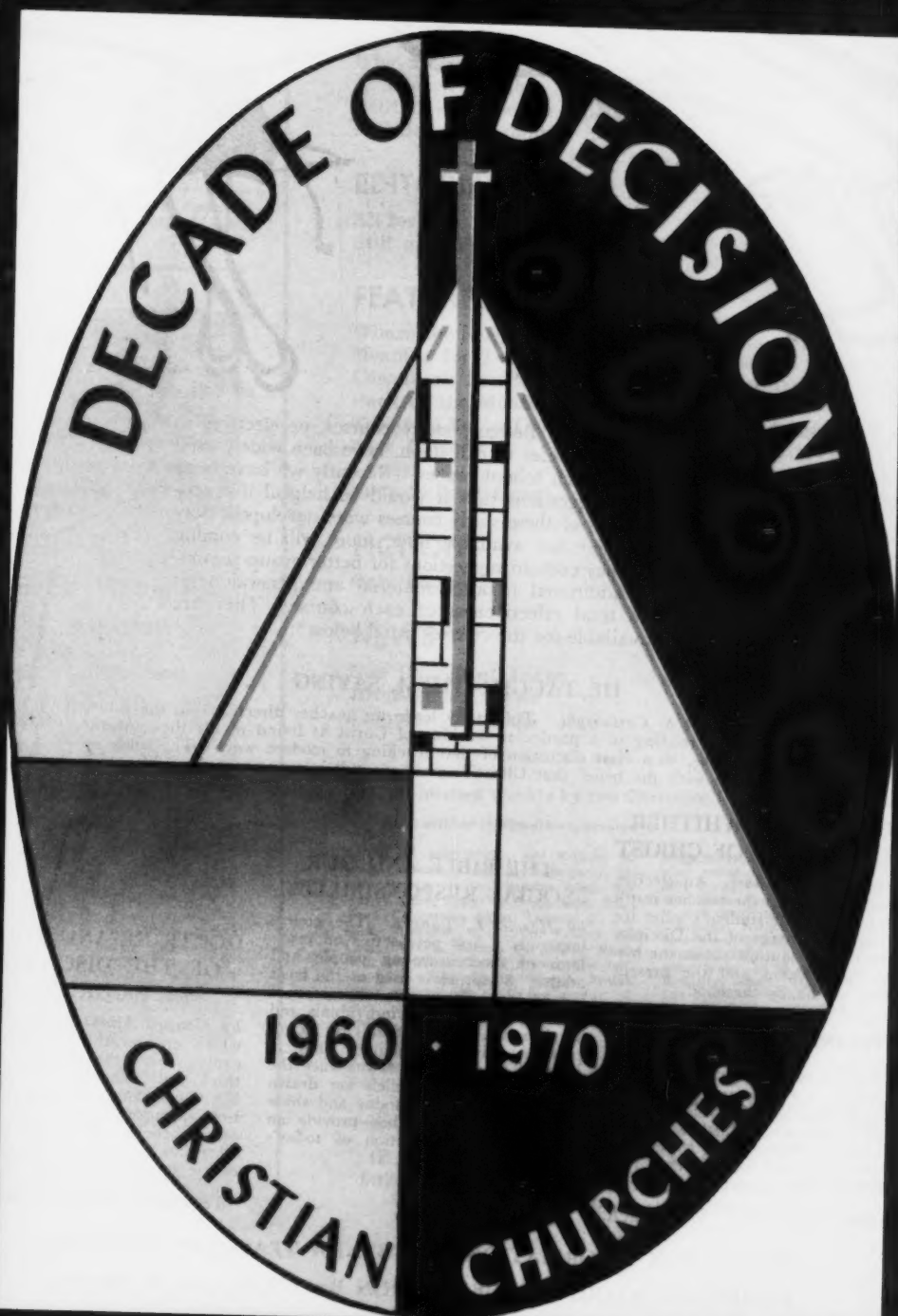


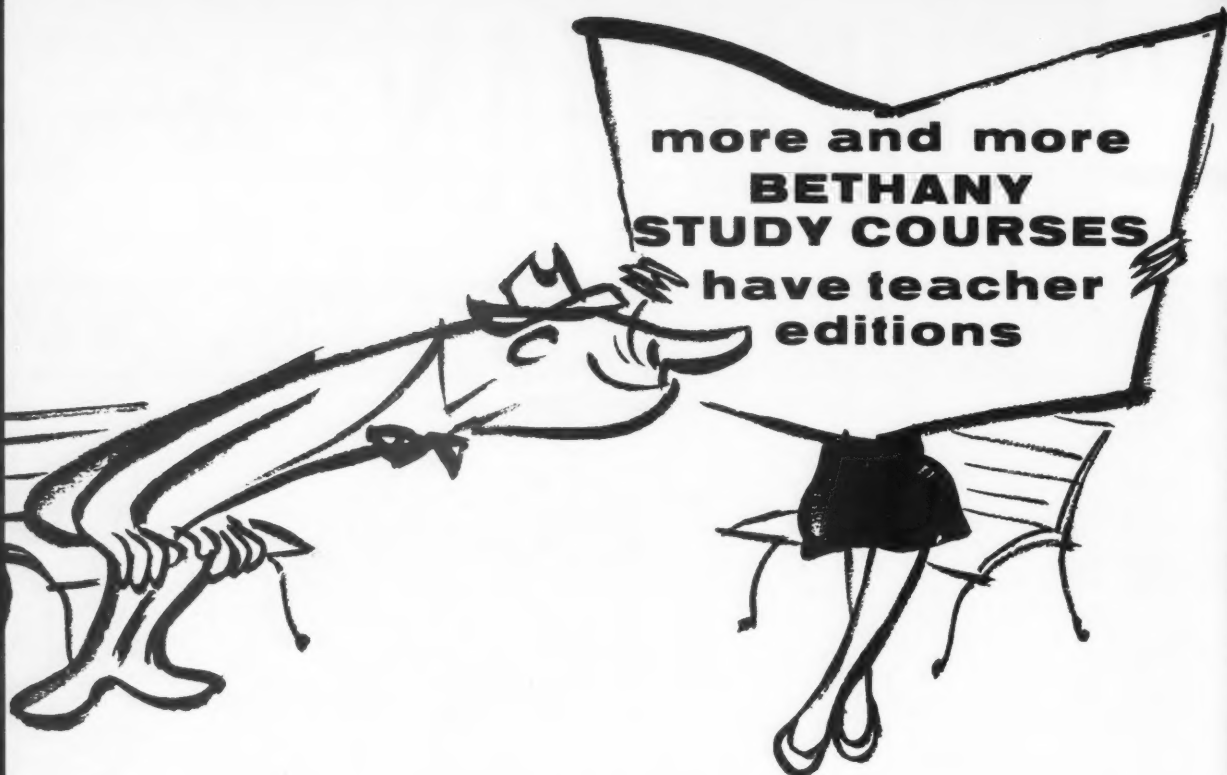
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THE COVER . . .

THE COVER this week calls attention to the Decade of Decision which begins July 1. In this regard you will not want to miss reading the editorial "All for One" (p. 7).

WONDER WORLD

God's world is a wonderful one:
Golden glory of the sun;
Silver beauty of the moon,
Flooding land and sea and dune,
Shine of wheeling stars in flight,
Midnight tryst with stilly night.
Rock and river, flowing springs,
Dragonflies with gauzy wings.
Carolling of birds in trees,
Hum and murmuring of bees;
Green pastures where the young lambs feed,
God's world is wonderful indeed!

—CHRISTINE WHITE

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Now Is the Time!

by Henry T. Money

"... and become partakers of the divine nature."—2 PETER 1:4.

THE wiry little genius of our age, Albert Einstein, once said: "Be a man of value, not a man of success. For value does nothing but *give*, while success is mostly *taking*."

This is precisely what Jesus lived and taught. His disciples did not realize this fully until Easter. Until then Christ was the warrior son of David whose success hinged on His mounting the vacant throne. But the empty tomb gave undeniable testimony to the disciples as to what was important to the Master. Each generation apparently needs to learn this same lesson.

When we take time to study Jesus' life closely we note He was deeply concerned that His followers see the value in all life. He often took those who were considered by men to be the lowest form of life, the greatest failures in terms of successful living, and brought to the surface their innate capacities. Man has value in God's eyes which does not necessarily coincide with material success. In response Christ only requested that these people whom He touched, sin no more. They were to become partakers of the divine nature which is love. They were asked to be partners with God.

Another element in our divine partnership is that of time. To the Christian there is only one time and that is this moment.

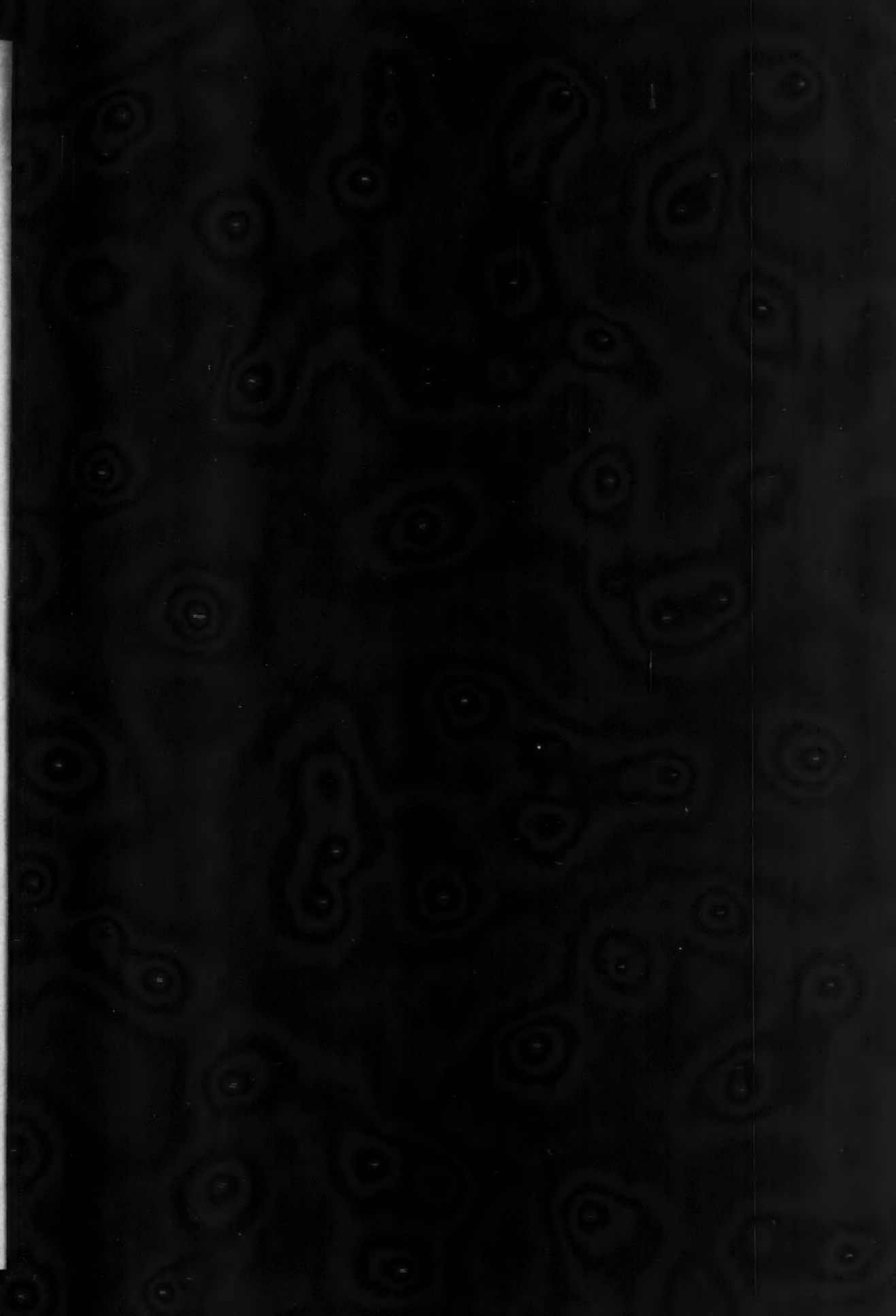
Three men were arguing as to the best time to cut an oak cane. One argued that the best time was in the spring when the sap was rising. A cane cut at such a time would be strong, yet supple. Another avowed that summer was the best, for the wood would be at the very peak of form. The third man declared fall as the opportune time, since the sap would have matured and perfected the wood. The discussion was a stalemate.

Finally they called an old farm hand whose knowledge of nature was equaled only by his homely wisdom. "When is the best time to cut an oak cane, John?" they inquired. "When you see it, gentlemen. It may not be there next time you pass that way."

Now is the time to be divine partakers. Now is the time to call God in, to ask Him to help you become a man of value, to ask Him to become a "Senior Partner" in the business of your life. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Henry T. Money is pastor of Hooker Memorial Christian Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

A Faith to Live by





OUR Dad never weighed more than one hundred thirty pounds in his lifetime, and stood five-feet-seven in his stockinged feet. But to us children he was ten feet tall!

Though his formal education ended with high school, his keen mind absorbed everything he read. And when we went to him for help in analyzing a world situation, for example, we could count on getting a many-faceted answer, boiled down to something we could understand. With the proper education, I believe he could have been an executive of importance.

However, barbering was his profession and he determined to be the best barber possible. His customers were his friends, as were the cop on the street, and the counter man at the corner drug-store where he went for his frequent cups of coffee. It was typical that when I introduced his employer to a friend as the man Dad had worked for for over 19 years, the man said, "No—we worked *together* for 19 years!"

He didn't talk much about it, but he was deeply religious. I don't doubt that he has as easy a relationship with God as he had with the minister of our church. When he came in for his weekly haircut the pastor would say, "See you in church Sunday." Dad would reply, "Unless I break a leg!" When Dad would miss a Sunday, the minister would say next time he came in, "You're walking very well for a man with a broken leg!" But sitting next to Dad at the communion service, I have seen his faith written on his face.

Dad worked hard all his life. He was at the shop by eight every morning and worked until around nine every night, with the exception of Saturday nights, when he came home often around three Sunday morning. Until later years I never knew him to have a vacation. Yet he found time to appreciate the beauties of nature. I'll never forget the awe on his face when he woke at one in the

morning on one of those Saturday nights, to show me the magnificent display of northern lights he had sighted on the way home. It was worth disturbing my sleep he felt. Tired as he was, he insisted on watching the show as long as it lasted.

For the most part Dad was a practical man. But choosing the bass violin as his instrument, I

felt, was not an example of this. I remember wondering why he hadn't taken up the flute one moonless night as I sat, wedged into the back seat of our Model T Ford, holding the "monster" in my twelve-year-old grasp, as we jogged over a country road toward a church concert. Bridges were terrifying enough. But there were always loose boards

ONE

LITTLE

CANDLE

by Esther Schneider Hanson

that cracked and rumbled ominously. And a bridge with a hill beyond was doom itself! Dad would have to slow down to cross and then couldn't get up enough speed to make the hill without killing the engine.

That night, to add to the peril, the hill was curved. There we hung, halfway up, the emergency brake groaning in protest. Dad and my brother got out to try to find something to put behind the rear wheels so Dad could use the crank. My new slippers kept slipping off the brake pedal. In the dark, to find any object was no mean feat. "Get a brick," Dad ordered unreasonably.

"A brick? Way out here? Where'm I going to find a brick out here, miles from nowhere!" Herb said.

"All right, go home then," Dad sputtered. I began to giggle, who a moment ago had been trembling at the thought of plunging backwards into the raging river.

There were a few extra tremolos that weren't on the music that night, because even though he never admitted it, I believe Dad was scared too.

Like all small men, Dad was a little cocky. He heard someone or something prowling around the yard one summer night. He grabbed a baseball bat and slipped out into the yard. "Who's there?" he called. The intruder crept into the bushes beside the smoke-house. "Come out or I'll shoot!" Dad ordered. Out came a shaggy dog who wagged up to Dad to be petted. I don't doubt that Dad would have stood his ground, with only that bat for protection, had the danger to his family been real!

Dad was determined that his family should have the best. At that time, many of the cows on the farms surrounding our town were found to be tubercular. This worried Dad, so he bought a sleek Jersey and learned to milk her. I think he was a little afraid of "Bossy" at times. She had a bad temper and a good

right kick. Every morning Dad would stake her out to graze on the back of our two-acre lot. Sometimes she would stay where he put her. But just as often, she would calmly pull up stakes and raid Mother's garden. Even the prize asters weren't safe from her rolling tongue.

One morning Dad lost his patience. "I'll tie you to a tree," he muttered. But "Bossy" had other ideas. As soon as he opened the gate, she bolted. Anyone else would have let go of the rope. Not Dad! His feet hardly touched ground as "Bossy" charged down the mid-

less miles an hour, my rag curlers blowing in the breeze. I looked over at Dad. He set his straw hat jauntily to one side and winked at me. Suddenly we both broke into laughter, in mutual appreciation of the beauty of the morning and our closeness.

If Dad had any favorites among his children, they never knew it. Later, when he took one grandchild on his knee, he took another the same age on the other knee. We saw their "Baba" through their eyes as we had seen him through our own at that age. He was happiest at holiday time when he presided at the head of the table.

He was as tolerant as anyone I have ever known. In all my life I never heard him say a vicious thing about any person, race or creed.

He was affectionate, patient and kind. It was typical of him that when he lay ill with an incurable disease, he would never admit that he knew. It would have made it too hard for us to be near him day after day. After his death, our doctor's receptionist told me how much they had all admired and respected Dad, who made trips to the office until the week before he died. Her words have etched themselves in my memory for all time, and are a fitting tribute to Dad, the man. "Wouldn't you know," she said, "that that little man would stand on his feet until the very end!"

Dad lit his little candle all right. It still burns in the hearts of his children. He was a cool hand on a feverish brow. He was calm guidance through a dark hour. He was discipline tempered with love. He was a combination of so many of the good qualities of human nature and enough of the frailties to make him real. He was understanding in the face of failure and courage to try again. He was the tender smile that said, "How can you be a woman? You were a child only yesterday!" How fortunate I am that he was mine!

THE STRENGTH I NEED

by George Earle Owen

God grant me strength

The strength that I need—

Of body—vitality

Of mind—clarity

Of heart—purity

Of soul—sincerity

Of will—integrity

Of disposition—charity.

God grant me the strength

I most sorely need

To translate the thought

Into the deed.

dle of Main Street. He finally managed to halt her by wrapping the rope around a telephone pole. The town sheriff was leaning against the Post Office door as Dad succeeded in stopping the cow. "In a hurry to get to work this morning, eh, Larry?" he drawled.

One Sunday morning in particular stands out in my memory. Dad had risen early to "tune up" the engine of the Model T Ford. I slipped out to the garage to watch. Maybe he'd take me when he made his customary test run afterwards.

Soon we were flying along the country road at twenty breath-

Editorials

All For One

FOR five years some of our church members have been planning for today. Some will wonder what it is that we are praying for and what we are "appraising" in the services. With mixed emotions and with varying degrees of preparation and expectation, we have arrived at a Decade of Decision.

It is not our purpose or responsibility to portray the details of a ten-year program on this page. However, we hope to be able to shed a little light on the prayers and programs of the churches from time to time for those who have not read, or will not read, the abundance of excellent materials which have been prepared for our guidance in these beginning days.

Do you need convincing of the need for such a program? "Well, I see they're starting another program" is an expression that we have heard on occasion. If you are not able to say that *we* are starting a program, rather than *they*, then you should take a quick glance at the world around you. The negative factors that can be seen should prod anyone into positive action on behalf of the gospel of Christ.

What happened to "The Long Range Program"? That is what a few thousand congregations are discussing today, in one way or another, in the day's program. It is "a day of appraisal."

For months now, church boards, department chairmen, staff and congregations have been figuring out "where we are now" by listing the specific details about accomplishments and advances during the decade of the Fifties. The answers which are discovered will tell what the Long Range Program for the past decade has helped us to accomplish.

Today is also "a day of forecast." On the basis of what you have done, what are you going to do? If you think programs have come down from some place to the local church, here is the chance to decide for yourselves what you are going to do.

Actually, now, did any local congregation ever do anything it didn't want to do? The job today is for the duly chosen leaders of the congregation to help the members understand what is ahead for the Christian to consider. When each person sees that, he will eagerly forecast a few plans himself.

May we point out just one of the objectives

that grew out of a series of listening conferences: *That every cause to be supported should be supported by every church.* In our judgment the realization of this goal during the coming decade would be one of the most fruitful Christian ends that could occur.

While preserving our freedom as congregations we ought always to act so that our oneness with our brethren will be expressed. It is normal for a congregation to have emotional ties with the outreach activity nearest at hand, be that a school, a benevolent home or a mission project. The tragedy is that so often such a congregation deprives itself of the joy of a world fellowship of service because it doesn't know what else is being attempted.

The total support, and the amount of money raised is the same. This isn't a scheme to get you to participate more fully in such work than your own conscience and sense of need dictate. It is an open invitation to new joy. Join with every congregation to support every cause during the Decade of Decision. Unity of action could be the most decisive step of the decade.

Still on the Job

A FEW million men and women who did their stint in uniform in 1941-45, or in 1950-52, may have forgotten all about the USO. But the USO hasn't forgotten those who are still in our Armed Forces. That's good.

If you have never been wet and cold, thousands of miles from home and with no place to spend a few free hours, you would not know what the USO has meant to so many, in so many places.

It was a satisfaction to see the recent announcement by Robert E. Lee, president, and Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., chairman, that the organization is undertaking to build several new clubhouses in the overseas areas and to renovate others.

In addition to the program rooms for entertainment, the new buildings will have one room for "just sittin'," a happy occupation for many a G.I. Until we Christians do better, another way of life prevails. We can't forsake our young people while they serve in the world situation which they did not make.

Why A Christian Women's Fellowship?

by Mrs. William P. Frank

SHOCKING I found it the other day, when a Christian woman in our church confided to me that Christian Women's Fellowship had no value for her. She is a woman I highly respect, but one who is inactive in our women's work. At first I was at a loss to reply to her. I thought about her remark. Now I am ready to answer my friend.

If you are one who has wondered about CWF, will you not listen for a moment too?

You are considered a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship if you are a woman member of a Christian Church and past the age of the Youth Fellowship group.

We plan to welcome grandma, mother, Mrs. Newlywed, Miss Business-woman, and Miss College-student in CWF—a large undertaking indeed! *CWF excludes no one because of age, interests, or position, or any of the many reasons other groups pare down their prospective membership lists.*

Christian Women's Fellowship is a good name for our Disciples women's group, which was first formally organized only ten years ago, in 1949. **CHRISTIAN**—because it is concerned with furthering Christ's work here on earth; **WOMEN'S**—because it is concerned with the methods women in particular can best use to do this; a **FELLOWSHIP**—because we can accomplish more when we work together, and have more fun too! (Of course we dare not forget that prior to the CWF in its modern form, we had countless faithful women working

in Christian churches—as members of ladies' aid societies, missionary organizations, and women's councils.)

"Yes," you may agree, "the CWF is good." But if you are a skeptic you may still ask, "What can CWF do for me (or the women in my house) that other organizations cannot do as well?" or, "What can CWF do for our church, and Christ's kingdom, that other organizations cannot do as well?"

First, one of the unique things about CWF, as we mentioned earlier, is the fact that *every church woman* is welcome. Mrs. Newcomer, who has just moved into the community and knows no one, finds in CWF many eager to be her friends.

Miss Career-girl, who often feels left out in many groups which seem to cater only to pairs, and no singles, finds many bachelor girls like herself in CWF.

Mrs. Newlywed, who may not be accepted in many adult circles for several years because she is "too young—just a girl," will be immediately welcomed in CWF. And Grandma Not-so-well, who so frequently feels forgotten, will be made to feel an active part of CWF through the group's work with shut-ins.

Second, church women have always been "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Women's missionary groups were first to awaken in our modern days to the meaning of the great commission, for our day.

So, today, our CWF groups have a vital, growing concern for their fellowmen who need help, wherever they may be. Few groups in or out of the church have this tremendously appealing objective—to do Christ's work throughout God's world.

Third, in spite of its world-wide concerns, CWF remains most interested in its women members as individuals. Its programs may not seem as entertaining as those of some other groups in town. But we do not usually grow by being entertained. One of CWF's avowed objectives is "to develop all women in Christian living and in Christian service."

Why CWF? Perhaps your best answers will come from those women who are active members.

"I go to CWF because I enjoy it—meet lots of fine people who are good, genuine Christians," says Mary Smith.

"In CWF I find real satisfaction is doing something important—and I've learned so much about the world from our study programs," answers Jane Pine.

"I've had a chance to do things in CWF, and develop talents I never knew I had," replies Ann Jones.

Emma Christian puts it another way, however. "What do I get from CWF? I've just never thought about it that way. What I can give to CWF is what really counts! Through CWF I am really helping to do Christ's work. There is no satisfaction to be compared to this!"

Mrs. Frank is the wife of the minister of First Christian Church, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

A MODERN PARABLE

by Don W. Basham

IN A certain village there lived a man named Caleb, who was the envy of all the people. For in all the village none could be found with a beard half so fine as his. Indeed, there were those who would have given seven hundred ephahs of barley, could they have been blessed with such a beard.

But the man Caleb took no pride in his beard; rather he longed to be free of it.

One day, the village was thrown into an uproar. Caleb had shaved! Counseling with himself he had said, "Caleb, if thou wouldst be free of the itch on thy neck and chin, verily the beard must go!" For because of it he had long endured a troublous rash which had the effect of a thousand tiny devils, tormenting him.

Furthermore, Caleb purposed in his heart that he would remain beardless. For he rejoiced in his deliverance from the itching; he rejoiced in his deliverance from long tedious hours spent in brushing and cleaning his beard; and most of all he rejoiced in the cool breezes that caressed his chin.

So no more did there appear, on the face of Caleb, the beard for which he had been the envy of all the village.

Then it was that the villagers took counsel with themselves against him, saying, "What manner of evil has befallen us that

this man should violate the traditions of our fathers? Have not we, and our fathers, and our fathers' fathers all suffered with itchy beards? What right has this man to set himself over against us and our fathers? He is possessed of a devil!"

And the villagers plotted the more against Caleb, saying, "Verily, if we let this man go unpunished, there will be no end to the evil he will bring upon us! Let us act quickly to end this menace to us and our village!" So they fell on Caleb, and threw him into prison, crying, "Thou heretic! Wouldst thou destroy us and the traditions of our fathers? Thou art deserving of death!"

With the threat to their security ended, the villagers turned to the important matter of deciding who now possessed the finest beard in the village.

Seven years passed. Then, one day, the village received a royal messenger bearing a proclamation from the king, who lived in

a far-off city. By royal edict, the king had abolished the wearing of beards, and all the king's subjects were, from that day on, to be clean-shaven. So no more did there appear beards on the faces of the villagers.

They all rejoiced in their deliverance from the itching; they rejoiced in their deliverance from long, tedious hours spent in brushing and cleaning their beards; and most of all they rejoiced in the cool breezes that caressed their chins.

In honor of the king's edict, a general amnesty was proclaimed, freeing all prisoners.

Then there appeared on the streets the gaunt and aging figure of Caleb, and those who saw him marvelled and said, "Surely this man should be happiest of all, for our great king has pardoned him for his crime!"

And it mattered not that none could recall, exactly, the nature of the terrible offense for which this wretched man had been imprisoned.

ABOVE DEFEAT

Within the woods a white rose
bloomed, astray,
Beneath the weight of briars,
perfect, pure;
All but invisible, there it lay.
Giving out its fragrance though
obscure,
The tiny mantle of its blossom
spread
Mysteriously guarded, grown and
fed.

by Ida Elaine James

So like the rose, can the soul's
life survive
Defeat, relentless foe, amid the
strife.
Composed, aloof, unruffled it can
thrive
Sustained unseen with vital
breath of life,
Soaring to sightless lands in space
Where God lets flow the un-
bounded stream of grace.

Mr. Basham is minister of Washington Memorial Christian Church, Silesia, Maryland.



**Blankets, Clothes Needed
Disciples Send \$1,000**

Rushing Aid to Chilean Quake Victims

INDIANAPOLIS—Disciples are responding to appeals for aid as a result of suffering caused by recurring earthquakes and tidal waves in Chile, where an estimated 6,000 have died and over 2,000,000 made homeless.

Acting in response to the need in Chile, Protestant churches of America and other countries are appealing for \$250,000 in emergency relief funds.

Spencer P. Austin, chairman of the Committee on Relief Appeals for the International Convention of Christian Churches, reports that on May 31 Unified Promotion sent a \$1,000 check to Church World Service from the emergency fund of the Committee.

The fund is made available through the Week of Compassion. The United Christian Missionary Society's department of social welfare has alerted churches across the nation to send blankets and used winter clothing to their nearest Church World Service centers for use of the victims of the Chilean tragedy.

Need for Blankets

The blankets and winter clothing are needed because this is the winter season in that area. State secretaries, state Christian Women's Fellowship executives, city secretaries and state social action chairmen have been asked to push the drive for clothing and blankets.

Churches and individuals should send the items to their nearest CWC center, with eight cents per pound for shipping costs. Church World Service centers are located at: 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, Calif.; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis Mo.; Nappanee, Ind.; and New Windsor, Md.

Dr. Austin had received the following message from R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service:

To all members of the Church World Service Executive Commit-

tee. The disaster in Chile may well prove to be the most serious to afflict any country during this century. Approximately 65 per cent of the population of Santiago is without shelter. More than 5,000 dead as per this morning's report. Need for medicines, clothing, temporary shelter is crucial. Appeal is being made from Geneva. Hope you will authorize and encourage help from your churches for funds, clothing and especially blankets.

Early this month some \$90,000 had already been subscribed by various church bodies, including \$48,000 from the churches of Ger-

many, \$14,000 from Great Britain; \$3,000 from the Netherlands; \$2,790 from New Zealand, \$1,000 from Norway and \$22,500 from the United States. Meanwhile the Roman Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference sent \$325,000 to aid Chileans.

Aid Rushed

Immediately upon receiving news of the Chilean catastrophe, CWS sent \$5,000 in cash, 50,000 pounds of clothing, 1,500 blankets, 80,000 pounds of food and \$15,000 worth of medicines.

Early estimates set property damage at over \$300,000,000.

● After Chancellor Refuses To Re-admit Demonstrator

Dean, 9 Professors Quit Vanderbilt

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dr. Robert J. Nelson, dean of Vanderbilt University School here, and nine of the seminary's 16 other faculty members have resigned in protest against the university trustees' refusal to readmit a Negro student expelled for leadership in local lunch counter sit-in demonstrations.

Fourteen of the divinity school's 120 students threatened to withdraw in a similar protest. Three new graduates said they would return their diplomas.

Dr. Nelson's resignation both as dean and professor of theology is effective Aug. 31. Most of the other resignations are to become effective next year.

University Chancellor Harvey Branscomb, who rejected the divinity school admissions committee's recommendation that James M. Lawson, Jr., a senior, be readmitted for summer classes to complete his studies, said in a statement that "in a matter of this importance, involving so many members of the divinity school faculty, I do not think I should act on these resigna-

tions but should refer them to the trustees of the university."

Dean Nelson described Mr. Branscomb's action as "a discrepancy of gross proportion [and] destructive upon the confidence and morale of the divinity faculty and others in the university."

He called it the "feeble acquiescence by university authorities to a public image of Mr. Lawson which was both distorted and defamatory."

Lawson was expelled March 3 at the height of Nashville's lunch counter sit-in demonstrations, during which about 150 students were jailed. He was to have been graduated May 30. Several restaurants since have desegregated their lunch counters.

Dr. Nelson said the admissions committee, after reviewing all the factors in Mr. Lawson's case, decided he "should be admitted to the school so he could complete his work toward his degree." He said the findings were presented to the faculty admissions committee but Mr. Branscomb rejected Mr. Lawson's request for readmission.

Consultation Is Shaping in S. Africa

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA—South African Churches are indicating approval of a World Council of Churches' proposal that its eight member bodies in this country hold a "fully representative" consultation, with council leaders, to seek a reconciliation over their strained relations regarding apartheid (racial segregation) policies.

Dr. L. A. Hewson, president of the Methodist Church in South Africa, said that his church would be "happy to play its part" in any representative consultation.

W. A. Landman, general secretary of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape Province, added that his church approved in principle the idea of such a meeting.

However, Dr. Joost de Blank, Anglican Archbishop of Capetown, who has criticized South Africa's three Dutch Reformed Churches for allegedly condoning apartheid policies, did not immediately make any statement on the World Council's proposal.

W. N. Tarrant, chairman of the Congregational Union of South Africa, said he believed such a meeting could result in a "Christian solution" to the difficulties. "Divergences of opinion are wide between us," he said, "but the possibility of a solution on Christian lines must be explored."

The WCC's proposal arose from conferences with the South African Churches held by Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer, WCC associate general secretary, who visited Johannesburg for that purpose. He was sent there by the WCC after it had been requested by a number of South African churches to take moral action against segregation in the country.

Malik Predicts More Intense Cold War

CLEVELAND, OHIO—A leading international diplomat predicted here that there will be no world war but an "intensification of the cold war."

Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese diplomat and former president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, addressed the 172nd General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in the Cleveland Auditorium.

He said he did not expect that the events surrounding the torpedoed Summit Conference will "so deteriorate as to bring about a world war." He further, told a hushed audience of 2,500:

"I do expect an intensification of the cold war—and, in particular, increasing pressures upon the intermediate areas of the world between the heartland of the East and the heartland of the West."

Earlier Dr. Malik had labeled the present a "serious moment" in history which is of "ominous character."

President of Capital Area Convention Issues Challenge

Asks Religious Cold War Summit Meeting

FALLS CHURCH, VA.—A call for a "summit conference" of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox leaders to end "the religious cold war" among Christians was sounded by a Disciples of Christ leader here.

Wilbur S. Hogevoel, president of the Capital Area Convention of Christian Churches, told its 83rd annual assembly that the ideal place for such a meeting would be Washington, the nation's capital.

Mr. Hogevoel, a retired Army chaplain, who is now pastor of the First Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., said that the recent primary election in West Virginia has not completely allayed the "religious issue" in American politics.

In other states, there is conflict continually in a hundred areas from planned parenthood to free bus transportation for parochial students, he pointed out, "and there is a 'religious issue' and it will be felt."

"The tragedy of this religious 'cold war' is that it is unnecessary and should cease," he told Disciples ministers and laymen from five states and the District of Columbia attending the assembly.

Mr. Hogevoel recalled the religious unity displayed by Protestants and Catholics in the face of Hitler's threat to all religions in World War II.

"But when peacetime comes," he said, "each major religious bloc goes into an all-out campaign of converting and placing denominational welfare above national and world needs in serving Christ."

"Isn't it foolish to expect to have peace and harmony in the world," he asked, "when there is no peace and harmony in Christendom?"

He said Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other leaders should meet together "to earnestly seek ways to religious peace and seek to ease religious tensions."



RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE of the World Refugee Year is emphasized in these stamps issued by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Top design shows the Holy Family on their flight to Egypt, while the other depicts a present-day father and child also made homeless by persecution.

Aid to Iran

NEW YORK—American churches poured blankets, clothing and food supplements into disaster-stricken Lar, in southern Iran, where two successive earthquakes on April 24 shattered the city and countryside.

"Pure and Clean"

PARIS (RNS)—For a man who doesn't believe in God, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev seems very fond of having Him around.

"As God is my witness," he declared at the blow-up of the Summit conference, "my hands are clean and my soul is pure."

But the Russian leader, who was responding to the suggestion that the Soviet Union also engaged in espionage, found his match in Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Answering Mr. Khrushchev's query of "what the devil pushed these people" to fly over Soviet territory, the French President replied: "There are many devils in the world, and we are here precisely for the purpose of exorcising them."

NEWS IN BRIEF

ORDINANCE REJECTED

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Cleveland's ordinance which banned street preaching was ruled unconstitutional here by a three-judge court.

The ruling was a victory for Fulton H. Baker, Baptist lay preacher, who was arrested last August while preaching in front of the Terminal Tower on Cleveland's public square.

AWARD TO HOPE

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Comedian Bob Hope received the National Conference of Christians and Jews' National Human Relations Award here for using "his artistry as a weapon in the fight against hatred, prejudice and bigotry."

In accepting the award at a dinner from Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, NCCJ president, Mr. Hope said he was glad if he brought people closer together by making them laugh because "that's all I know how to do."

BUS ISSUE STAND

PORTLAND, ME.—By a vote of 104 to 61, the Congregational Christian Conference of Maine adopted a resolution opposing use of public funds to provide bus transportation for parochial school pupils.

The vote, which followed a long debate, reaffirmed the group's stand taken three years ago, which stressed the principle of Church-State separation. The Conference is the state's largest Protestant body.

FAITH, NOT 'TROTH'

DENVER—The Methodist Church's General Conference has voted to substitute "faith" for "troth" in the Church's marriage ceremony line in which the bride and bridegroom say: "And thereto I plight thee my troth."

"Troth," an old English word, means fidelity, truthfulness or pledged faith.

MINISTER SHORTAGE

New York—At least 427 additional ministers are needed to serve the 4,600 congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, according to a survey by the denomination's Board of Higher Education.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson joined religious groups and farm organizations in urging Americans to observe the week of May 22-29 as Soil Stewardship Week.

Opening with Rural Life Sunday, May 22, the week was designed to call attention to the need of conserving the nation's soil and water resources.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Proposed distribution of offerings collected at religious services in air force chapels to churches of the servicemen's choice was rejected here by the branch's Chief of Chaplains.

Tennessee congressmen had written a number of letters to air force officials forwarding the proposal on behalf of members of the Churches of Christ, who have been leading the campaign for allocation of of-

ferings to individual churches designated by air force personnel.

CHURCH, NOT BANK

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) has sold its stock in Zoin's First National Bank. For the first time since the Mormon pioneers settled here the Church is out of the banking business.

Dollar value of the sale of 146,542 shares at \$67 each to a group of Salt Lake City businessmen and an Indiana company totaled about \$9,808,314.

PRIESTS SILENCED

GASPE, QUE.—Roman Catholic Bishop Paul Bernier of Gaspé has warned all priests in his diocese to refrain from comment on the political parties involved in the forthcoming Quebec provincial election.

Without naming names, the prelate charged that two priests, not in his See, had "sinned gravely" in bypassing episcopal authority and making pronouncements about political matters.

OBSCENITY HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House subcommittee on Postal Operations headed by Rep. Kathryn E. Granahan (D-Pa.) held further public hearings on obscenity in the mail beginning May 27.

Charles Keating of Cincinnati, Ohio, chief counsel for Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc., was the lead-off witness.

BOOTLEG OBSCENITY

ATLANTA, GA.—A four-point program to remove "bootleg" obscene publications from Georgia newspapers has been launched by the State Literature Commission and wholesale independent distributors of magazines and paperback books.

Headed by Atlanta Baptist minister Dr. Hames Wesberry, the commission reported that 90 to 95 per cent of the state's retail outlets for magazines, newspapers and paperback books are now "clean." The drive is aimed at the "bootleg" sources that are giving responsible distributors and outlets a bad name, spokesmen reported.

TARGET: LIQUOR ALOFT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thirteen prominent Protestants in a letter to Congressional leaders urged action before the session ends on legislation to ban drinking on the airlines.



—RNS

TWO-THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD "Tyre shekels," believed to be the same type of silver coins Judas Iscariot received from Israel's chief priests for betraying Christ, are examined by police inspector Karol Singer of Haifa, Israel. About 5,000 of the shekels were discovered in a field at Isfiyah, a Druse village on Mount Carmel. The area is said to contain great treasures.

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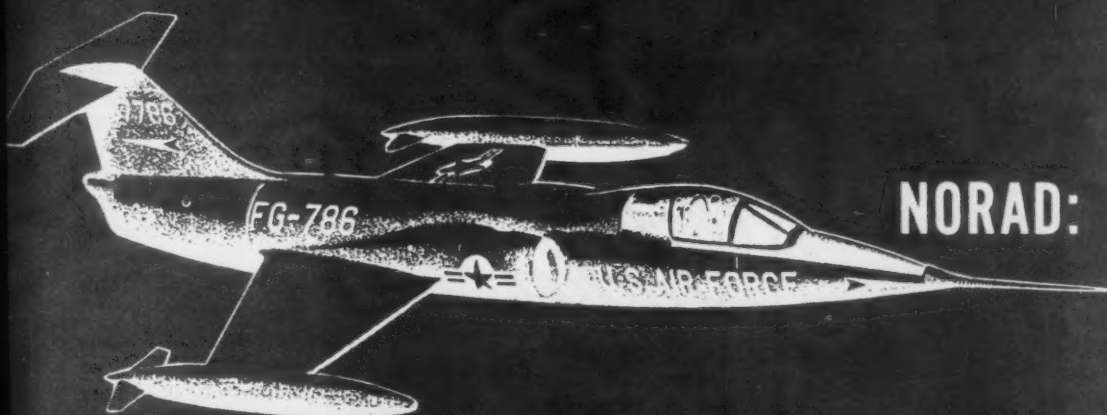
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NORAD:

Protection Against Atomic Attack

ARE you one of the many North Americans who don't know what NORAD is, and how it may not only save *your* life but the life of your nation as well?

NORAD is an example of the value of teamwork—that unique human quality which plays an especially vital role in the workings of this 200,000-man operation.

The North American Air Defense Command, more commonly known as NORAD, has an unusual job to do: it has to be ready twenty-four hours around the clock to protect the North American continent against a sneak atomic attack by air. Why . . . where . . . how did it start? Here is the story—one that everyone concerned about the defense of his country should know.

Until shortly after World War II, air defense for the United States was not an urgent matter: the United States had a monopoly on the atomic bomb, and the

only strategic bomber force in existence.

In 1949 the picture changed, when Russia developed the big bomb. Coupling this with the fact that the modern long-range bomber force had evolved, the United States was faced with a serious military threat. The answer was for the United States and Canada to work together; air defense of the two countries was really a single problem. After a few years of separate but highly cooperative efforts, Canada and the United States formally combined their air defense program to form NORAD.

Since the primary defense objective is to supply early warnings of any enemy plane so that it might be intercepted before it could complete its mission, a 3,000 mile "fence" of radar called the DEW (Distant Early Warning) line was set up above the Arctic Circle: it stretches from Cape Lisburne, Alaska, to Baffin Island, on the Canadian north coast. General Earle E. Partridge, former Commander in Chief of NORAD, has emphasized that at the first moment enemy planes are spotted, our bombers will be on their way to destroy the enemy and his homeland.

In addition to the DEW line,

Canada built another electronic fence along the 55th parallel, to provide added protection. Also, the radar net of the Alaskan Air Command is integrated with the DEW line, and from the Aleutians to Hawaii the Navy maintains a strong line of radar.

The existence of an early warning system would be ineffectual without sufficient air power, and, as in the case of the DEW line, this too is supplied by both countries. The Air Defense Command of the Royal Canadian Air Force; the Air Defense Command of the United States Air Force; the United States Army Air Defense Command; and Naval Forces, Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD)—all these forces are vital to NORAD.

What exactly would happen if an enemy plane were spotted, and how long would it take for our planes to be up in the sky? According to "The Air Force Blue Book," a compilation of articles on all phases of Air Force activities, the alerting process would work like this: from the site of a plane spotted at Spence Bay (Arctic Ocean, Northwest Territories), for example, the "aircraft flash" would be radioed to a station on Hudson Bay, then

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Some interesting facts on what our Air Force is doing—in its training programs, research labs and on its runways—to keep us secure are revealed in "The Air Force Blue Book." For a \$1 check or money order, you can receive the book from Military Publishing Institute, Inc., 55 West 42nd Street, New York 36, New York.



by
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Illustrated by FitzSimmons

IN THE summerhouse that overlooked the garden Albia Southerland sank into a wicker chair that creakingly repeated her groan. Last night Paul, her grandson, had returned from Europe with a bride . . . a peasant girl, Miss Albia was scornfully certain, who had maneuvered a lonesome soldier into an unsuitable marriage.

Miss Albia's groan was compounded of wounded family pride

and outrage that her grandson had taken such a step without consulting her. She had dreamed of the day when Paul would bring a bride (of Miss Albia's choosing, naturally) to this old house and this Virginia garden.

She looked out at the camellias grown tree tall, the azaleas, the sweet olive, the ancient boxwood borders scented with the elusive perfume that tradition said only ladies could smell. Miss Albia

herself had found that tradition perplexing.

This peasant girl Paul had brought home must be made to understand this was no place for her . . . and the sooner the girl realized it the better. . . .

Cora Randolph and Dulcie Fairfax, heads together, turned into the violet-bordered path leading to the summer house. Cora and Dulcie were Miss Albia's lifelong friends so naturally

their tongues were wagging over Paul's unexpected bride.

When they saw her, Dulcie's voice became syrupy with concern. "Dear Albia! How are you?"

"Bearing up quite well, thanks," Miss Albia said tartly.

"Dulcie didn't mean it like that," Cora began.

"Yes I did, Cora," Dulcie insisted. "You said yourself it will be a real burden having a common little foreigner in the house. And I said we must come over at once for now is when dear Albia needs her friends."

"You're right for once, Dulcie," Miss Albia hitched her chair closer to the others. "Listen now. This is what I plan and you must help me. . . ."

Two weeks later young Mrs. Paul Southerland, who had been Leisel Hoffman, sank into a chair in her room in Miss Albia's house. She kicked off her slippers and wiped off her smile. The elaborate teas and receptions Miss Albia's friends were giving to welcome her to Paul's home only exhausted her. She shouldn't be sitting here now. She must bathe and dress again for Miss Albia's garden party.

Leisel's head felt heavy; faint blue shadows underlined her gray eyes. The mirror showed her face from high cheek bones to round chin lined down with fatigue. Harried from one function to the next, her very bones ached with the effort to be something she was not. Not even a free hour to wander in the fabulous garden! If Paul's grandmother wanted to convince her she would never be at ease in the excessive social life here, then Paul's grandmother had succeeded.

A tap at the door meant Zilly with an armful of fresh towels. She looked Leisel over with the freedom of an old servant who was almost a member of the family. "You look mighty tuckered, Missis Paul. You want I should come back after you have your bath and rub your back like I done for Miss Albia?"

Leisel's eyebrows climbed. "Miss Albia tired? Impossible! She thrives on parties, the bigger the better."

Zilly hesitated as if she were telling secrets. "She soothin' her pore sore feet in cold water right now. She say she doubts she can last till mornin'."

"Miss Albia and her friends love parties," Leisel said bitterly. "They live for parties."

"They is party-goin' and party-givin' folks," Zilly agreed. "But they don't usual go day and night like they doin' now."

Zilly's grizzled head cocked to one side like a wary bird's. She seemed about to add something more but the loyalty of a lifetime kept her silent as she padded out.

What was Miss Albia up to behind her facade of friendliness? Paul had been surprised that his grandmother had accepted his bride with such cordiality. "Grandmother will hit the ceiling," Paul had predicted. "And the ceilings at home are fourteen feet high! But she will get over her mad as soon as she knows you, darling." Leisel doubted that Miss Albia was getting over her mad. Perhaps there was a plan behind the faintly sly smiles at the continual parties . . . the sprightly chatter that actually excluded Leisel while it seemed to welcome her to the tight little circle. . . . Suddenly she made up her mind. She would tell Paul she couldn't live here . . . that they must go where life could have real meaning. Surely there were other plantations in the South.

Leisel went to the door and called to Zilly. "When Mister Paul comes in, please tell him I want to speak to him."

"You won't hardly find time, Miss," Zilly objected. "Mr. Paul will be eatin' his supper set out in the pantry and you ain't even started to get yourself prettied up for Miss Albia's party."

"I don't think I'll be dressing for any more parties," Leisel said slowly.

But she stood there, held by Zilly's consternation. How des-

perately Miss Albia must need Paul's love to fight for it in this underhanded, this unladylike fashion! Couldn't she see that she might win the battle and lose the war . . . and Paul? Paul would be stern and implacable himself if he learned of this veiled female fighting.

"I can afford to be generous," Leisel told herself. Aloud, she asked, "Where is Miss Albia?"

"She down in the garden," Zilly said. "She went down early, lookin' like something was botherin' her powerful bad. You still want I should tell Mr. Paul to come upstairs?"

Leisel returned the old woman's anxious gaze with a smile. "Just tell Mr. Paul I'll be in the garden, too."

In the turreted summerhouse Miss Albia sat between Cora and Dulcie. In a little while the guests would be coming. . . . That child had looked so weary and tried so gallantly to conceal it. Miss Albia's proud shoulders sagged. She was winning. Why could she not feel triumphant?

Then Leisel came running lightly down the violet-bordered path, smiling, relaxed. Her clear gray eyes met Miss Albia's faded blue in a challenge.

"I hope I am not late?" Leisel said. "I was nearly too tired to dress. But I told myself if Paul's lady grandmother can endure all this, a strong young peasant like myself can do no less!"

Miss Albia answered with surprising meekness, "After this party we will all stay home to rest and get acquainted."

Leisel bent impulsively to kiss Miss Albia's flushed cheek. Then she looked away, her nose wrinkled charmingly. "Where does that lovely smell come from?" Following the odor as if it were a path, she bent over the ancient boxwood borders. "What is this sweet-scented shrub?"

Only ladies could smell box. . . . Miss Albia looked at Cora and Dulcie. From their stunned expressions she knew that they, like Miss Albia herself, had never been able to detect that elusive perfume.

Heeding Christ's Teachings



"Where the Scriptures Speak . . ." by the Editor

Matthew 7:24-29; 21:28-32.

WE COME to the end of a quarter's study today. We have considered several of the parables and the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. It is fitting and, perhaps, necessary that we give final attention to the subject of our lesson today. It is one thing to hear the teachings of Christ and understand them in an academic way. It is something else to "heed" the teachings, that is, to live in accordance with their principles.

The story of the man who built his house upon a rock while another built upon the sand is as familiar as the others which we have been studying. Just because it is familiar, there may be some points in the application of this story that we tend to overlook. If you ever built a castle in the sand, or watched your children build one at the seashore, the implications of this parable are quite clear. As the waters wash around the foundation, such a building crumbles and falls.

On the other hand, solid rock foundations are the first prerequisite for a substantial building. Today, a contractor who does not discover how deeply he has to dig in order to build on solid rock will easily underestimate the cost of construction. It is true that the superstructure has to withstand winds and storms, but it has no possibility of doing so if the foundation is not solid.

This is one of the most familiar of the parables. People like to hear it explained over and over again. It has always been strongly in my mind since school days, when I returned to the country church which I had at-

tended as a child and was asked to preach several times during a revival. After two or three nights, a former schoolmate of mine in the one-room building next door to the church, said to me, "I wish you would preach a sermon about the man who built his house on the rock. That's so easy to understand."

Probably what my friend meant was that I was preaching about subjects that were too difficult for me to explain and that surely I couldn't do anything with this parable that would prevent people's understanding it.

We do overlook the relation of the two verbs at the beginning of this parable, "hears" and "does." We are apt to put more emphasis upon hearing and accepting the doctrine which is expounded. This may be truer of the older and more creedal churches than it is with us, but we sometimes make the mistake,

too. Or, we may think the "doing" consists of hearing about faith, repentance, and baptism and doing the necessary things to show that we believe the truth of these teachings.

Now, I must hasten to say that these are very necessary steps. But, Jesus does not seem to have been talking about this kind of "doing" at this point. His point here seems to have to do with living a Christian life. The "doing" that consists of elementary steps is only a prerequisite to the living of a righteous life.

So, to live the kind of life that shows that a person believes what Jesus teaches is comparable to building a house on solid rock. The storms of passion, the floods of disaster, the troubles of this world cannot prevail against it.

The way Jesus spoke these things indicated that he expected them to be accepted because they

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR JUNE 26, 1960

The Scripture

not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:24-29

21:28-32

24 "Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; 25 and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; 27 and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one who had authority, and

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. 30 And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw him, you did not afterward repent and believe him."

were true. This "astonished" the crowds. (Verse 29.) They were accustomed to having the scribes read the Law. If they spoke about it in addition, they did not give their own opinions, but simply expounded the accepted meaning of the Law. Jesus talked as "one who had authority" in his own right and one who expected the teaching to be accepted because the Teacher had spoken. This is one of the many times that he expressed his true position as the Son of God.

The second parable of the lesson today is equally simple and equally hard to accept if one finds himself in the wrong class. One son said he would not work in his father's vineyard, but "afterward he repented and went." (21:29.) The other son said he would go but did not do so. In this parable, as in the parable

of the Good Samaritan and at other times, Jesus made his listeners tell the point. When he asked, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" the only answer they could possibly give was, "The first." (Verse 31.)

Somebody, looking for an argument, might say that the son should have gone to work at his father's order without any complaint in the first place. This parable, like all parables, is dealing with one point, and that does not happen to be the point of this one. The point here is that one worked and the other did not. He had been wrong, but "he repented."

Jesus classified the people who had an opportunity to "work" in God's vineyard. There were "the tax collectors and the harlots." If we do not like this classification we must remember that the tax collectors whom Jesus criti-

cized were those who cheated on everything they did. As he spoke here, he had in mind those who had heard him and who had repented and believed him. They were now acceptable in his sight.

On the other hand, his hearers, especially those who were in a position of leadership in the organized religion of the time, refused to reconsider their religion in the light of what Jesus said. They condemned Jesus rather than make an attempt to understand him.

We face the whole of the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus, in our daily lives. We can ignore it and build upon the sand. We can accept it intellectually as the truth but do nothing about it. Or, like the man who built upon the rock and like the son who repented of his wrongdoing, we can work like true Christians.



Meaning for Today

William J. Hadden, Jr.

A MINISTER friend was one day visiting a fellow minister in another town. They had just walked through the newly constructed education building of the church.

"We are planning to build soon, John; perhaps you could let us know a few weaknesses you might have found in your planning and construction for our consideration," the visitor said. The pastor looked at him accusingly and shot back, "----- Church has no weaknesses!"

I should very much like to be pastor of that church!

Very few of us would be so blind as to say our church has no weaknesses but almost as bad as blindness is our nearsightedness in overlooking the weaknesses in the structure of our particular church.

Modern churches are pretty

well constructed physically. Foundations are engineered and constructed for strength. Steel and mortar are combined to make structures that are stable and lasting. We cannot always say the same for our organizational and spiritual structure.

It is not difficult to name the weaknesses of the foundation of the average congregation.

One of the most obvious and insidious is a lack of unity among members. Imagine a builder seeking to make a strong foundation with cement that will not harden into a united whole. Too often in the church we try to build our program foundation with human cement that refuses to be integrated into a strong united whole. Trite but true: In union is our strength.

Another weakness is to lay our foundation itself upon the spirit-

ual sands of a weak prayer life. Any church that is not supported by the rock of prayer is on a weak foundation indeed.

Paul spoke of faith as a substance, which indeed it is. A substance which must be in the foundation of the church if it is not only to be strong but to be the church itself. We have seen the weakness of faithless congregations. When the faith which caused the Martyrs to be killed and the early church built becomes a meaningless word, the church begins to crumble. There is no more tragic picture in the world.

What about your church? How are its foundations? Better yet, how about you? How strong are your foundations?

Consider long and well, fellow Christian, the naked and challenging fact that you are an integral part of the structure of the church. When Christ said Build your foundations upon a rock, he was not speaking of the church, alone, but of you and me. You, friend, are to be the wise man who built on the rock, or the foolish one who built on the sand. Which will it be?



Consulting the Pastor

by Charles F. Kemp

Help From the Bible

A YOUNG professional man asks the question: "How can I get more help from the Bible? I was raised in the Church, my father was an elder, I have always gone to church, my children are in Sunday School, but actually the Bible might as well be a closed book for me. I seldom read it and when I do I get as much confused as helped. What can I do to make it more meaningful?"

This is a very real and very common problem. He speaks for many laymen in the Church. One thing we would say to this man is, Go to your pastor and seek his help. Then we would hope his pastor would find time to give him help. This is an area of pastoral counseling continuously overlooked. We think of counseling as being therapeutic in nature, helping the troubled or distressed. There is another kind of counseling that helps a person grow and develop.

There are many persons who are not neurotic or maladjusted who would like to have a deeper more practical understanding of matters of Christian faith. This, too, requires personalized attention.

To return to the young man's question, there are certain suggestions that could be made:

1. The first thing we would point out is that this is an extremely worthy ambition but it will require sincere effort and a considerable amount of time. It took time for the man to learn his profession, it takes time to learn to type or to play golf. If a person sincerely wants to understand the Bible he must be willing to give it time.

2. Get an over-all perspective. By this we mean, learn all you can *about* the Bible. This can be done in classes. This is a place where consultation with the pastor can help. Much can be done by reading. There are innumerable books on the Bible. This is part of the problem. Some are highly technical and involved. This is certainly not the place to begin. There are some valuable books written for the layman. Again the pastor can help by suggesting the better ones.

3. The third suggestion grows out of the second. Recognize that the Bible is composed of many types of literature. We read a book of history in a different way than we read a book of poetry, or law, or a letter. Yet all are here. We also turn to a different kind of literature if we are looking for courage, or forgiveness or for a biographical fact. Only as we are aware of the difference in literature can we read the Bible with meaning.

4. Knowing about the Bible is one thing, reading it is another. To appreciate the Bible one must read it himself. Here the modern translations can help. But one must not be too discouraged if there are portions or passages one does not understand. This is only to be expected. If one continues to give it the time we mentioned above, some of these will be cleared up; and in the meantime, there are enough passages one does understand to live by.

5. Find those sections, or those phrases, that are an inspiration to you and make them your own. For some this may be portions of the Psalms, some of the parables of Jesus, the letters of Paul or even just a sentence here or there, but repeat them, underline them, write them out on cards, use any means but saturate your thought with them. This list should always be growing.

6. Make these passages the basis of meditation. This is more important than memorizing them. We not only need to find time to read them, we need to find time to ponder them. Pray about them. One man has said, "We never really understand the Bible until we pray our way through it."

7. Remember you are not the first one to make this search. Thousands have turned to Scripture and found help. It has been tested in the crucible of experience as has no other volume. Those who have really studied it, and pondered it, and lived by it, have found here "the way, the truth and the life."

NEWS

of the Brotherhood

Negro and White Bodies United at Assembly

Convention Scene of Ohio Agency Merger

CINCINNATI—Negro and white state organizations of the Ohio Christian (Disciples) Churches merged here at a public service of integration, climaxing a movement that had been gaining momentum 30 years.

Uniting on a fully equal basis were the 100,000-strong white Ohio Christian Missionary Society and the Ohio Christian Missionary Convention, with 15,000 members.

The union marked the white group's 107th annual meeting and the Negro body's 77th. It appeared probable that the merged groups will take the name Ohio Society of Christian Churches.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio Christian Missionary Convention, delegates adopted a resolution urging the U. S. government to work with continued and renewed efforts with other nations toward a co-operative disarmament program and toward ending nuclear tests.

In another resolution they pledged wholehearted support of the National Council of Churches, deploring "false accusations" earlier this year which charged that the Council and its leaders and affiliated denominations had been infiltrated with Communism.

The Convention accepted a "Decade of Decision" goal of 85 new Ohio congregations in the next 10 years at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000. The national program, with a goal of 1,500 new congregations, is being launched July 1. At present the denomination has about 8,000 churches in the U. S. and Canada.

September 21

Resolution Deadline

INDIANAPOLIS—The deadline for submitting resolutions to the 1960 Annual Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches is Sept. 21.

Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary, announced that convention by-laws require resolutions to be in the hands of the Committee on Recommendations 30 days prior to meeting.

Resolutions submitted after that date and up to October 21, the opening of the Louisville Assembly, are considered only if the Committee regards them as "emergency" ac-

Emergency Appeal For Aid in Chile

INDIANAPOLIS—The International Convention of Christian Churches, through its Committee on Relief Appeals, has sent \$1,000 to Church World Service for earthquake devastated Chile.

Simultaneously The United Christian Missionary Society's department of social welfare has issued an urgent appeal for blankets and winter clothing to be sent to Church World Service Centers in the U. S. (See the article on page 10.)

tions. This ruling gives the committee adequate time to study issues and publish the proposals in full.

Resolutions must be signed by a recognized church group, by an organization affiliated with the convention, or by at least ten members of Christian Churches (Disciples).

Churches and members are encouraged to bring important issues and concerns before the assembly. Proposals should be sent to the Committee on Recommendations, International Convention of Christian Churches, P. O. Box 19136, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

30th CKB Deadline

INDIANAPOLIS—June 30 is the promotional deadline for Capital for Kingdom Building.

The CKB director, Donald Legg commented on the present situation in this way: "What shall we say to our missionaries? What shall we say to our co-workers in our Home Mission centers? Some 58 high priority projects are yet to be paid out."

He reported that on March 31 CKB was \$559,231.06 short.

The Capital for Kingdom Building office in Indianapolis is receiving "eleventh hour" pledges at this time and letters have been sent out urging all who have pledged to respond as soon as possible.

More than 3,000 churches have had a part in the Capital for Kingdom Building campaign and at the present time it is anticipated that the all-out effort may help to bridge the gap between monies received and monies anticipated.

Citation to Cook

CINCINNATI—A special citation of merit was presented to Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches, at the convention of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society.

Dr. Cook was honored at a dinner here May 20. The citation was presented by Joseph P. Daab, president of the Ohio Society.

The citation read:

"In grateful recognition of creative leadership of the International Convention of Christian Churches whereby that body has matured into a deepening spiritual center so that we now enjoy a greater sense of our oneness, a growing ability to be articulate as a Christian body, an increasing ability to deliberate and act in a responsible way as a body, and a place of growing strength and influence in the ecumenical church."

Indian Arts Festival

LA GRANDE, OREGON—A Festival of Indian Arts is being held here June 23-30.

Indians of all tribes in the United States and Canada have been invited to display their ancient art, contemporary work in painting, ceramics, photography or other fields.

Worship services for the community on June 26 have been planned by Indians. Profits from the sale of a commemorative booklet, *NUN-MIP-NI-SHEEK* ("We Remember"), which was published on the occasion of the National Indian Encampment in Pendleton, Oregon, last year, are being used for an award fund.

Among the officers of the non-profit festival are: Wallace N. Hastings, minister of First Christian Church, LaGrande, president; and Gladys Bibee Price, editor of *NUN-MIP-NI-SHEEK*, secretary.

Houston Services

HOUSTON—A preaching mission will be held at the Southeast Christian Church here June 19-24.

At morning worship on June 19, Gail Don Bohlcke, associate minister of First Church here, was to deliver the sermon. Other ministers are to preach at services each night.

Emil H. Bunjes, Jr. is pastor of the Southeast Church.—GAYLE HARRIS

June 19 Prayer Day For Decade of Decision

ST. LOUIS—Today, June 19, Christian Churches throughout the world will be observed as a day of prayer on behalf of the Decade of Decision.

This suggestion was made several weeks ago by the Interim Committee of the Council of Agencies.

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, chairman of the Council, says that pastors have been asked to make appropriate references in their sermons today concerning the inauguration of this brotherhood-wide program of advance for the next ten years.

Evangelistic Crusade

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA—The Belmont Christian Church here has completed a successful evangelistic crusade. The program consisted of three months of intensive preparation, a week of visitation and a week of preaching.

There were a total of 59 additions, 37 by baptism. Visitation was led by the pastor, Floyd L. Diehm.

The evangelists for the week of preaching were Mr. and Mrs. James Clayton Pippin of Falls Church, Va.

The success of the crusade was seen in the new member reception and fellowship dinner the Wednesday after the close of the meeting, when 49 new members were present.

53 Added in Drive

LYNN, MASS.—On Decision Day, April 10, 46 persons committed themselves to the membership of First Christian Church here. Since that date seven more have come, making a total of 53 additions.

This evangelistic effort was initiated last fall when Ross Willis, minister of Park Avenue Church, East Orange, N. J., introduced the program. Others who assisted included Howard Joslyn of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention and Raymond Hite, minister of Cleveland Heights Christian Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Zane Knoy is minister of the church.

Colorado Crusade

CANON CITY, COLO.—First Christian Church here received 74 new members as a result of a Witness for Christ evangelistic crusade led by Forrest C. Wyman of Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

Lloyd Sparks is minister of the church and Cliff Pennington serves as chairman of the evangelism committee.

by the Associate Editor

A New Ministry . . .

Mrs. James D. Wyker, perhaps the best known Disciple "lady preacher" and since 1956 "minister at large" for The United Christian Missionary Society's department of Christian action and community service, is now a special representative for United Church Women.

Announcement was made by another Disciple, Roy G. Ross, general secretary, of the National Council of Churches. Mrs. Wyker, was the first president of the United Church Women, a general department of the NCCC.

Through speaking engagements and informal contacts with lay leaders and ministers, Mrs. Wyker will work for the development of the co-operation of men and women in church and society; for the involvement of the laity in the work of the churches; and with communions as they work together in the council movement for the wholeness of the church, Dr. Ross said.

Mrs. Wyker represented Disciples at the formation meeting of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Mrs. Wyker still serves on many boards and committees of UCW and is former president of United Church Women of Ohio. In 1955 she made a trip around the world as leader of United Church Women's Fellowship Team. Mrs. Wyker was vice-president of the National Council of Churches from 1954 to 1957 and is currently a member of its General Board, representing the Division of Christian Life and Work.

The recipient of the B.S. degree in religious education from Columbia University, Mrs. Wyker has also studied at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

In 1956, Mrs. Wyker was selected by the Washington Pilgrimage of Churchmen as the Churchwoman of the Year. She was also chosen by the *Christian Century* as one of the six Protestant church women exerting the greatest influence in American church life today.

Communion, Education

The new Directory of Worship for the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. will call attention to the denomination's emphasis on open Communion.

The new *Book of Common Wor-*

ship notes that the sacrament will be offered to all Christian believers. The commissioners (delegates) to the annual General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. approved plans for the new directory, the first completely new edition since 1789.

If approved by a majority of the denomination's 220 presbyteries, the directory will provide the basis for the new *Book of Common Worship*.

A report by the denomination's standing committee on Christian education showed that the church will emphasize the religious education of adults this coming year.

Dr. Theodore Gill, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, speaking on the committee's report, said that the "new concentration" on adult education was "just one prescription for what ails us."

He called upon the commissioners to imagine a church "full of adults who had worked deep into the Biblical sources, church doctrine, and Christian expectation."

Did You Know?

Did you know that Dean Elmer D. Henson of Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, is the new president of the Council



Dean Henson

of Southwestern Theological Schools? In co-operation with the Lilly Foundation, CSTS is sponsoring a series of interdenominational summer training programs for ministers. The 1960 institute on Christian Family Life is being held at Phillips University.

Did you know that you can get help on the local option problem in regard to the sale of alcoholic beverages by writing to the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church? A new leaflet, "Should Our Community Allow Alcohol Sales?" may be ordered from: General Board of Temperance, Service Department, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E. Washington, 2, D. C. (\$3 per hundred)

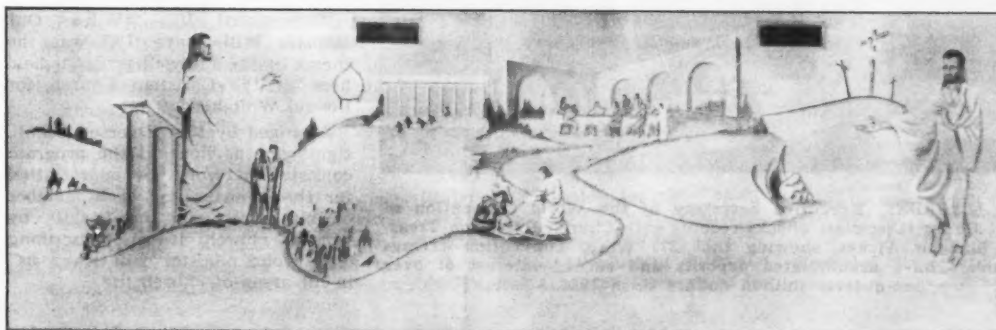


CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP members of First Christian Church, Neosho, Mo., recently emphasized their reading program by means of a style show. Pictured are the models (from left): Mrs. Bob Sappington, Mrs. James Cullum, Mrs. Bob Dappert, Mrs. Denzil Hukill and Mrs. Vaughn Woodard, Jr.

NEWS

in focus

THIS MURAL PAINTING covers the wall in the CYF room at First Christian Church, Carlsbad, N. M. It depicts such events in the life of Christ as His birth, preaching, cleansing the temple, healing the sick, last supper, crucifixion and resurrection. The mural was painted by Richard L. Miller, art teacher in the junior college and high school, and also sponsor of the CYF.



SUCCESSFUL BUILDING-FUND DRIVE (\$46,668 pledged on goal of \$25,000) received special emphasis as 226 persons attended an all-church dinner at First Christian Church, Texas City, Texas, on March 23. Wm. T. Percy, president of the Board of Church Extension, directed the campaign. J. E. Dorman is the minister.



50/50 FORWARD PROGRAM at First Christian Church, San Bernardino, Calif., calls for \$60,000.00 for missions and \$60,000.00 for local expense. Harry Schriewer, board chairman, presents check for \$10,000.00 to Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of The United Christian Missionary Society, as an over and above Capital for Kingdom Building project to purchase four acres of land in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gilford E. Olmsted, minister, stands in the center.

Retires from Ministry

Completes 53 Years

MONTGOMERY, W. VA.—C. N. Jarrett, 80, retired from the active ministry May 31, when he closed his pastorate here with First Christian Church where he has served since 1950.

He has moved to 300 Thompson Ave., Oak Hill, W. Va., where he and his wife will make their home. On June 12 Mr. Jarrett completed 53 years in the ministry.

Three years ago First Church here presented him with the honored minister pin in commemoration of his 50 years as a pastor in the Christian church.

He received the A.B. degree from Bethany College in 1909 and his pastorates included the following Christian churches: Steubenville and LaBell View, Ohio, Morgantown, W. Va., Beaver Creek, Md., Fifteenth St. Church, Washington, D. C., Boyd Memorial, Charleston, W. Va., Belaire and Barnesville, Ohio, and the pastorate here.

Observes 2nd Anniversary

ORMOND BEACH, FLA.—Rio Vista Christian Church here observed its second anniversary on Pentecost. It was organized by First Christian Church of Daytona Beach, Fla.,

when 36 people were commissioned to form the new congregation on May 24, 1958.

The first unit of the church's long-range building program was dedicated debt free last December.

Glenn B. Murdock is the ad interim minister.

Ground-Breaking

AKRON, OHIO—Firestone Park Christian Church here held ground-breaking services on Palm Sunday for a new \$163,000 sanctuary.

Organized in 1923 the congregation has worshiped in a remodeled school building and in 1953 a \$72,000 education building was erected.

The new structure will include seating space for 290 people, a parlor, four classrooms, fellowship hall and kitchen. Completion date for the new building has been set for next January.

Court O. Adams is the minister.

Minister Retires

WASHINGTON, ILL.—Thomas W. Bass recently closed his active ministry and has moved here where he will make his home on R.F.D. No. 1. His last pastorate was at First Christian Church, Vienna, Ill. During his retirement years Mr. Bass will be available for ad interim or supply ministry.



CHRIST ON THE CROSS was emphasized with this display erected at Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., during a week of preaching. Written in Greek on the central cross, which stands 12 feet high, are the words that Pontius Pilate had placed at Calvary, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews." Wm. A. Cook is the minister.

God and Country Award

HICKMAN MILLS, Mo.—The Community Christian Church here recently presented God and Country awards to Michael McCready, Michael Blackburn and Dennis Swearingen.

A total of 25 boys have received the awards during the last four years.

Community Church sponsors a large scouting program with a total of over 400 boys and girls participating. The church sponsors two Boy Scout troops, an Air Squadron, an Explorer post, two Cub packs and two Girl Scout troops.

A total of 85 adults participate in the youth program, which includes, along with scouting, strong CYF and Chi Rho organizations.

Farewell for Minister

ARROWSMITH, ILL.—"What Our Minister Will Leave Us" was the theme of the farewell program held here at the Christian Church for Donald Whitehead.

Arranged by Mrs. Emerson Schall, significant portions of the program consisted of words of appreciation for the minister and each member of his family and brief skits by various church leaders describing "what our minister will leave us" in all areas of church life.



DR. JESSE M. BADER, Executive Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) checks records with Church Extension Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Wickes, showing that 277 World Convention savings account holders have accumulated deposits and earned interest of over one-quarter million dollars since 1956.

book of the month

A Project of the Christian Literature Commission

June, 1960

LAND IN SEARCH OF GOD

by Stanley J. Rowland, Jr.

Selected and reviewed by A. Stanley Christie, Toronto, Canada. Mr. Christie is a graduate of the University of Toronto, a former director of guidance in Toronto Schools, and is currently a school principal in a suburb of Toronto. He is an active layman at Hillcrest Church of Christ (Disciples).

Land in Search of God is a layman's attempt to explore and analyze the current religious revival in the United States. Rowland is no ordinary layman. His pre-college and college life were full of adventure and, as a writer, he has covered a police beat and has contributed articles to many leading magazines.

In his book he traces the change from the simple, purposeful, "ordained-of-God" concept of life in Europe and nineteenth century America through varying stages of disintegration, until Americans generally have become insecure in relation to themselves, their community

and the rest of the world.

We are now, he claims, in the process of seeking a new and more permanent security. Running through the tangled web of our lives, he cites little threads of evidence of a tendency "to reach beyond the American system to a fuller understanding of God as the source of meaning and His laws as the guide for life."

In discussing the function of the church, Rowland distinguishes between the conservative and the prophetic role. No minister or interested layman should fail to read this discussion and evaluate the program and the motives of his own church as its people search through religion for stability and a deeper self-understanding.

"*Land in Search of God*" is published by Random House, New York City, and is available from the Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Missouri. Price \$3.95.

Brotherhood News

Last Supper Reproduced

BLOOMFIELD, IND.—A reproduction with live characters of the Lord's Last Supper was given here at First Christian Church on April 8.

Written by the minister, R. Lee Henney, about 170 attended the presentation.

Those who participated in the play included Robert Yoho, Ross Record, Paul York, Delmar O'Neill, Arthur Haseman, Willard Gainey, Billy Ed Hostettler, Robert Heaton, Ralph Quillen, Kenneth Eller, Warren Bartlett, Charles DeFrees and Richard Richeson.

NCC Quartet Helps

EUGENE, ORE.—Northwest Christian College male quartet was with the Central Christian Church, Wenatchee, Wash., for a week of evangelism March 20-25.

Professor James Kimsey of the college faculty delivered the messages each evening.

Seventeen people responded to the invitation, 14 by confession of faith.

CYF Commission Meets

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—The Capital Area CYF Commission met here for the annual planning session March 20.

Mary Jo Cumiskey, member of First Christian Church here and president of the Capital Area CYF, served as presiding officer. She is also a member-at-large of the International CYF Commission.

Chester L. Barnett, director of Christian Education for the Capital Area Council of Christian Churches, opened the meeting with prayer.

The 1960-61 schedule of dates for the Capital Area and for each of its

district CYF meetings were planned. Also a discussion on amending the Area CYF Commission constitution was held.

52 Additions at Hillside

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Fifty-two new members united with Hillside Christian Church here during the month of April. Twenty-five of these came by primary obedience and have been baptized.

A total of 116 have been added to Hillside church during the past ten months.

Only five years old, the congregation now has a membership of 567. A \$45,000.00 education addition will be built this year.

Virgil G. Nalley led in establishing the church and is still the pastor.

Perkins Park Revival

LYNCHBURG, VA.—A revival meeting was held here at Perkins Park Christian Church, April 3-10. The meeting was preceded with two weeks of visitation.

Cecil Taylor, pastor of Christian Church, Blacksburg, Va., was the evangelist and Billy Hunt of Sandy Bottom Christian Church, Madison Heights, Va., the song leader.

Nineteen members were added to the church, 14 of them by baptism. Herman Reynolds is the pastor of Perkins Park Church.

EVANGELISM REPORTS

Suitland Christian Church, Washington, D. C., reports 23 baptisms and 25 transfers Jan. 1 through April 17.

The Christian Church, Salem, Ohio, received 70 new members during the Easter season, 51 by baptism and 19 by transfer.

Joel E. Vause led a revival meeting at Wrightsboro Road Christian Church, Augusta, Ga., resulting in seven baptisms.

The Christian Temple, Wellsville, N. Y., reports 40 new members, 30 of these by baptism.

Ivanhoe Park Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., had nine additions on Palm Sunday and 14 on Easter.

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LOUIS DUANE RICHARDSON received the God and Country Award at First Christian Church, Newton, Kan., recently. Pictured are Scoutmaster Bob Hillard, R. S. Fanistil, minister, and Scout Richardson's mother, Mrs. E. D. Richardson.



TWELVE SCOUTS have received the God and Country Award at First Christian Church, Woodward, Okla. They are (back row from left): Jim Roberts, John Cline, Gary Jones, Jim Quisenberry, Mark Morrow, Tom Hildinger; (front row from left): J. L. Albert, Jerry Dick, Travis Walker, Lee Morrow, Milton Bogdahn, Bill Selman and the minister, Norman R. Stacey.



THE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD was presented to Marvin G. Crockford at First Christian Church, Kennewick, Wash., recently. Scout Crockford is a member of the U.S. Navy and came home for the presentation. Pictured (from left): Mr. and Mrs. Quitman Crockford, parents; Ronald W. Yates, minister; Scout Crockford and Frank Rust, first mate of Sea Explorer Ship No. 172.

For God and Country



DOUGLAS SHAUL received the Boy Scout God and Country Award at Bethany Christian Church, Pasadena, Calif., recently. An Explorer Scout, he is a member of Air Scout Squadron No. 51. Don Lindblom, director of education at Bethany Church, made the presentation.



GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS were presented to two Scouts Feb. 7 at First Christian Church, Shelbyville, Ky. (Front from left) Mrs. John W. Montgomery, Sr., Scout John W. Montgomery, Jr., Scout Guthrie Thompson and Mrs. William P. Thompson; (back from left) District Director Harry Lessley, Assistant Scout Master Ray Moffett, J. Edward Cayce, minister, and Scout Master Charles McGuire.

TOWARD A BETTER CHURCH —NORAD

by Samuel F. Pugh

Looking for a College?

Each year hundreds of young people from our church homes enter college or university. Since the selection of a college is one of the most important of all decisions the matter should be given careful consideration.

It is not enough to pick the college a friend attends, or even the one that is located nearest home. While the financial outlay will be an important item in the selection of a college, it should by no means be the only factor, and certainly not the deciding factor in the consideration. There are many expensive schools and many that are less expensive, but bargains may come at a high price where education is concerned.

This article seeks not to recommend any school or any class of schools. It does wish to point out several important questions that should be answered by every young person as he decides for himself which (if any) college he wishes to attend. If he is to give four years of his life for a college degree he has a right to know whether the credits and the degrees for which he works are acceptable in accredited colleges or whether they would be graded down or even discounted altogether.

Here are some questions that need to be asked and answered to the satisfaction of the student before college entry—and, it is hoped, will still give satisfaction four or eight years later.

- Is this an accredited college? Will its diploma be acceptable in the graduate school where I probably will continue my studies?
- Does this college have the courses, degrees and professors best qualified to prepare me for my future life and work?
- Is there an emphasis upon the development of attitude and character as well as upon the teaching of basic information?
- Does the school depend upon athletics to maintain its reputation?
- Is the cost commensurate with that of other schools of its class?

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- How often and by what means of transportation would I return home?
- Is there adequate supervision of women students?
- Are facilities and equipment adequate in the courses in which I shall be specializing?
- Are scholarships offered and would I be eligible for any one of them?
- Is this a church-sponsored college and is it a member of the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ?
- Are there work opportunities by which I could earn at least a part of my expenses?
- Have I considered the advantage of the small college and of the state university?
- Am I aware of the theological viewpoint and the general policies of the school?
- Does this college assist its graduates in securing a position upon graduation?

Most young people do not realize that there is a vast difference in colleges. Some students have not discovered until three or four years have been spent in one school that their credits are not recognized by a real accredited college or university and therefore the student himself cannot be accepted. Who knows how many students have forfeited credits earned or even failed to achieve a major aim in life because of their failure to select a college with academic stability? There are colleges that offer degrees for little work and a large fee. Others, though sincere in their purpose, cannot, because of inadequate facilities and standards, offer more than an inferior diploma or degree.

Let each student attend whatever school of higher education he chooses but let him select that school intelligently and with great care. To secure information concerning any college, the inquiring person may find its status in the volume *AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES* issued by The American Council on Education at any public library. Information concerning any church-supported school of the Disciples of Christ may be secured from the Board of Higher Education, Disciples of Christ, 222 South Downey, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

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to Churchill, Manitoba; next, it would be telephoned to nearby Fort Churchill and teletyped to the Communications Center at Winnipeg.

Finally, it would be relayed to St. Hubert (Royal Canadian Air Defence Command Headquarters) and Colorado Springs (the nerve center of the continent's air defense). Here the aircraft controllers would alert all components of NORAD.

Within nineteen minutes from the moment the enemy plane had been spotted, jet interceptors would be 45,000 feet high, and flying toward the attacker.

Next time you hear someone ask, "What's being done to protect us from enemy attack?" you'll have the answer in a little word: NORAD—a fence for defense.

• Brotherhood News

Brothers California Convention Presidents

SANTA MONICA—Two convention presidents in one family became a reality when Wesley P. Ford, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Pasadena, was elected as president for the Annual 72nd State Convention for the Christian Churches of Southern California, which was held here June 1-4, 1960.

Taking the gavel as president in the State Convention for the Christian Churches of Northern California was another brother, Gerald M. Ford, minister of the First Christian Church of San Jose.

The Northern Convention was held May 11-14 in Chico.

Easter Activities

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—Pre-Easter services at First Christian Church here included: two weeks of preaching led by various ministers of the area; a one-act play by the youth on Palm Sunday evening which ended a six-week school of missions; special CWF service on April 13; candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday; and a sunrise service on Easter at the drive-in theater.

The church is conducting regular services each Sunday evening during the summer months at the local drive-in.

Harry Owens is pastor of the church.

TO NEW MINISTRIES

▲ **REPUBLIC, PA.**—Holly O. Phillips has been installed as pastor of First Christian Church here following a period of service as minister of Rosebud Church near Walnut Cove, N. C. Assisting in the installation service were Ervin L. Thompson, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Missionary Society, and A. F. Hanes, retired minister of Brownsville, Pa.

▲ **HOUSTON, TEX.**—Bethany Christian Church here has recently called James Lambert to serve as associate minister. A recent graduate of The Graduate Seminary, Phillips University, Enid, Okla., Mr. Lambert has been serving as pastor of the Christian Church, Billings, Okla. Lewis H. McAdow is pastor of the Bethany Church.—**GAYLE HARRIS.**

▲ **LITCHFIELD, ILL.**—Union Avenue Christian Church here has called Victor S. Koontz as minister. He comes here from a six-year pastorate with Bethany Christian Church, Evansville, Ind.

▲ **MEDINA, OHIO**—Harold E. Simones closed a four-and-one-half-year ministry April 18 with the Christian Church, Edon, Ohio, to begin serving as minister of First Church here. He will continue his seminary work at Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

▲ **DUNCAN, OKLA.**—Fred Jordan is the new minister here at West Side Christian Church. He was installed on April 3 following a successful pastorate with First Church, Sayre, Okla., where he served since August 1954. He is a graduate of Phillips University and The Graduate Seminary in Enid, Okla.

▲ **SIOUX FALLS, S. D.**—Thomas P. Slavens has resigned as pastor of First Christian Church here to accept a call to Drake University where he will be librarian in the Divinity School.

▲ **PITTSBORO, IND.**—Warren O. Harry has moved here where he will serve as minister of the Christian Church. He comes from a pastorate with the Christian Church in Lakeville, Ind.

BOOKS RECEIVED

THE GROWING MINISTER. By Andrew W. Blackwood. Abingdon Press. 192 pages. \$3.

THE HELL OF IT. By Stephen Cole. Doubleday and Company, Inc. 95 pages. \$1.95.

CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM TODAY. By John C. Bennett. Association Press. 188 pages. \$3.50.

THE MAN WHO WAS THURSDAY. By G. K. Chesterton. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 192 pages. \$1.15 (Paper).

THE POSSIBILITY OF APOSTASY. By C. R. Nichol. Nichol Publishing Company. 104 pages. \$2.50.

THE PULPIT AND THE PLOW. By Ralph A. Felton. Friendship Press. 168 pages. \$2.95.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH. By Austin C. Lovelace and William C. Rice. Abingdon Press. 220 pages. \$4.

PREDESTINATION AND OTHER PAPERS. By Pierre Maury. John Knox Press. 109 pages. \$2.50.

PROPHETS, IDOLS AND DIGGERS. By John Elder. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc. 240 pages. \$5.

THE CHURCH IN THE THOUGHT OF JESUS. By Joseph B. Clower, Jr. John Knox Press. 160 pages. \$3.50.

THE RELIGION OF THE BIBLE. By S. Vernon McCasland. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 288 pages. \$4.95.

THE DIVE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE. By Wajih Aziz Siman. Pageant Press, Inc. 139 pages. \$2.75.

FAITH IS THE VICTORY. By E. M. Blaiklock. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 64 pages. \$2.

DIVINE ELECTION. By G. C. Berkouwer. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 336 pages. \$4.50.

AND JESUS SAID . . . By Hoover Rupert. Abingdon Press. 143 pages. \$2.50.

RECEIVING GOD'S FULLNESS. By Wallace D. Chappell. Abingdon Press. 126 pages. \$2.

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WHERE OUR BIBLE CAME FROM. By J. Carter Swaim. Association Press. 128 pages. 50¢ (Paper).

POEMS TO CHANGE LIVES. Compiled by Stanton A. Coblenz. Association Press. 124 pages. 50¢ (Paper).

WHAT BAPTISM MEANS. By John W. Melster. Association Press. 124 pages. 50¢ (Paper).

THE REFORMATION AND PROTESTANTISM TODAY. By Clyde Leonard Manschreck. Association Press. 128 pages. 50¢ (Paper).

PRESENT TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT. By L. Harold DeWolf. Association Press. 131 pages. 50¢ (Paper).

WHO FOLLOWS IN HIS TRAIN? By Philip S. Watters. The Upper Room. 32 pages. 15¢ each; 8 for \$1; \$10 per 100. (Paper).

PILGRIM CIRCUIT RIDER. By Lella W. Anderson and Harriet Harmon Dexter. Harper and Brothers. 200 pages. \$4.

THE THOUGHT OF REINHOLD NIEBUHR. By Gordon Harland. Oxford University Press. 298 pages. \$6.

AND IT CAME TO PASS. By Leo Bennett. The Sunshine Press. 224 pages. Price not given.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. By G. W. Bromiley. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 119 pages. Price not given.

AS THY DAYS SO THY STRENGTH. By Jesse Jai McNeil. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 167 pages. \$3.

SEVEN KEYS TO A MORE FRUITFUL MINISTRY. By Arnold Prater. Zondervan Publishing House. 120 pages. \$2.

THE POWER OF HIS NAME. By Robert E. Luccock. Harper and Brothers. 159 pages. \$3.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. First Quarter. By I. R. Wall. Western Christian Press. 62 pages. \$1 per quarter, \$3 per four-quarter series (Paper).

STUMBLING BLOCK. By Douglas Jackson. Abingdon Press. 128 pages. 75¢ (Paper).

THE WILL TO BELIEVE. By Marcus Bach. T. S. Denison and Company. 176 pages. \$3.95.

THE ANCIENT GODS. By E. O. James. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 359 pages. \$6.75 until August 1, 1960; then \$7.50.

THE CHRIST OF THE GOSPELS. By William F. Beck. Concordia Publishing House. 227 pages. \$3.

CREATIVE METHODS FOR ADULT CLASSES. By John McKinley. The Bethany Press. 96 pages. \$1.50 (Paper).

RELAX . . .

No Headway

A Presbyterian missionary in a desert region shoveled his car out of a dry river bed, drove a few miles and was soon stuck again under the same conditions.

"This," he muttered, "is what I call going from one ex-stream to another."

—PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

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In this space age it doesn't even pay to be a monkey. You can get drafted from a zoo.

—FRANK J. PEPE

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The Good Old Days

The best about "the good old days,"

The days of "way back when—"

Is frankly this relentless truth, That we were younger then.

—CARL R. BROWN

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Young brides are said to be able to make three things from almost nothing—a salad, a hat and a quarrel.

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"You're lucky getting the car twice a week. It's nice to have an understanding son."

EACH year thousands of Americans are introduced to colorful, historic Scotland as tourists. These visitors are enchanted by its placid lochs, majestic Highlands, and the tunes of lyrical bagpipes.

In the summer of 1956 a small number of us "discovered" the land of the Scots from the perspective of laborers. Twenty-one American students, under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society, went as work campers to the village of East Kilbride, near Glasgow.

With students from Scotland, England, Wales, Australia, and Jordan, our job was to help in the construction of a new Disciples church building. In the words of a local newspaper, we had come "across the world to build a kirk." Our wages were a glimpse at beautiful Scotland, an appreciation of its people, an understanding of the work and witness of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) in Great Britain.

The town of East Kilbride and the Disciples congregation there have an exciting story to tell—a story of the rediscovered mission of the church. Though once only a village, East Kilbride is destined to become a teeming city in a few short years. Industries are moving from overly crowded Glasgow. A multitude of factories and families are leaving the city to settle in the less densely populated area of Lanarkshire. The result is East Kilbride's own population explosion.

To the home mission committee of the Churches of Christ this represented a challenge which could not go unanswered. East Kilbride was one of the most strategic areas of evangelism in all of Great Britain.

So in 1954 Alan S. Robinson, a former missionary to India, was sent as minister. Upon arrival Mr. Robinson had no congregation and no church, only the names of six elderly ladies of Church of Christ affiliation and a community of people uprooted from whatever church connection, if any, they once had. This was his parish.

With this frightening but challenging prospect, a congregation was established. The name Markethill Church of Christ identified it with the particular section of East Kilbride which had been allocated the Churches of Christ.

For several years the members of the Markethill Church of Christ worshiped in a temporary wooden structure. However, as the town's

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The Kirk in Scotland

-A Disciple Version

by Paul A. Crow, Jr.

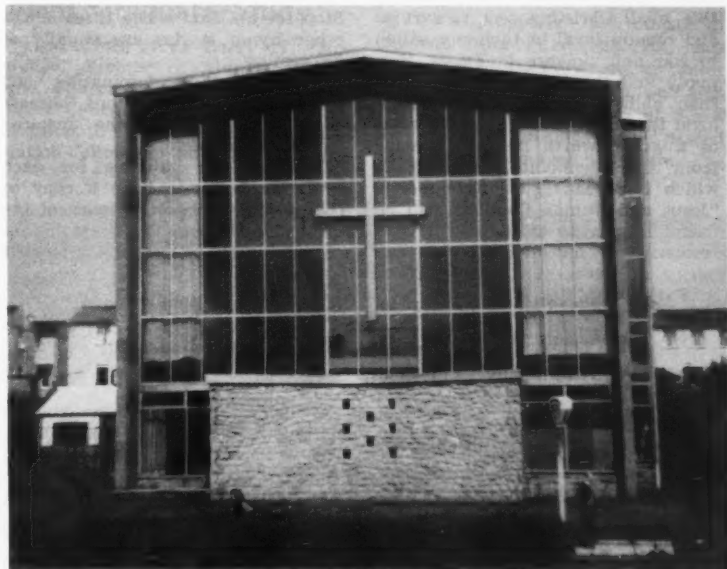
redevelopment program continued to grow, there was the dream of an adequate sanctuary and education building.

With little more than a dream and faith, the plans were laid. It was decided that the church members and friends would do all the construction work except that requiring technical skill. In this way they could give their time and labor as well as their money.

One of the signs of strength in the East Kilbride congregation is the influential witness made by the lay leaders. Typical of the tradition of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), they realize the essential place of laymen and women in the church. They have made a basic discovery—the vitality of the Christian witness in East Kilbride will be no stronger than the degree of their personal dedication to Jesus Christ, and this commitment is reflected in their willingness to work for his kingdom where they live. In other words, each member has a ministry to fulfill.

Our Scottish brothers have not been without their problems. Being a minority communion in a country with an established church (if not by law, then by custom), the apparent gulf between the churches and the industrial masses, an alarming shortage of trained ministers, a financial lack to meet increasing needs—these are but a few of the problems. But in the face of these obstacles, the church in Scotland has not lost faith but continues to search for and manifest its mission to the world.

In August, 1960, when the World Convention of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) assemblies at Edinburgh, representatives of our worldwide fellowship will visit "bonnie Scotland." Not far from the convention hall is the Markethill Church of Christ, a church which "has come up the hard way." This church—the building and its people—stands as a symbol of the church's mission to the world, the proclamation of God's act of redemption through Jesus Christ.



Markethill Church of Christ (Disciples), East Kilbride, Scotland.



"You Are What You Read"

Jesus and Non-Resistance

Jesus and Human Conflict. By Henry A. Fast. Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, 209 pp., \$3.75.

Mr. Fast is another of the Mennonite scholars who attempts to shed light on the non-resistance passages of the New Testament. Like the Society of Friends and the Church of the Brethren, the Mennonites have a long heroic history of remaining steadfast to their convictions in the face of tyranny. But while the other two historic peace churches have moved to relate their teachings to twentieth-century political and social movements, Mennonite doctrine has remained essentially personal.

The author confirms the traditional Mennonite point of view by finding that the love and non-resistance sayings of Jesus are personal with little or no relevance to social and political questions. Non-Mennonite Protestants may find this seemingly limited interpretation of Christian ethics somewhat disappointing. Nevertheless, this personal interpretation of the scripture has permitted this small Christian sect to survive and remain loyal in their opposition to war and violence in Russia, Germany and the United States. It is their ability to survive and remain loyal that commends the Mennonites as a group worth studying. Aside from the Mennonite audience to which this book is chiefly directed, "Jesus and Human Conflict" will be useful largely to those who have a responsibility for interpreting a minority Christian viewpoint.—ROBERT A. FANGMEIER.

Stories of Hymns

A Hymn Is Born. By Clint Bonner. Broadman Press. 160 pages. \$3.

This fascinating book gives the background stories of 93 of our favorite hymns and what caused them to be written.

These colorful stories of hymn history will captivate the interest of nearly everyone who loves the fine hymns and gospel songs of

the church. The author's beautiful poetic dedication of this book to his consecrated pastor father gives the proper setting for the attractive style used in the book.

The titles of the hymn stories themselves create immediate interest and cause the reader to eagerly read the inspiring message. A few of the titles are as follows:

"A Blind Woman Takes a Hack Ride." From her experience that night in the Bowery of New York City, Fannie Crosby wrote **Rescue The Perishing**.

Another story has this title—"A Hymn Is Born of a Fatal Accident." From this tragedy and the last words of a dying preacher come the creation of "Stand Up For Jesus."

One of the truly great hymns is introduced by the title "A Catholic Priest Defies the Pope." From this background the majestic strains of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" were written by Martin Luther.

Other interesting titles include "A Baby Girl Is Born to a Yankee Carpenter," "A Composer Dodges Traffic and Writes a Melody," and "A Bank Clerk and a Shoe Clerk Stop for a Chat." The titles of the other hymn stories are equally as interesting.

Each story is fascinating and shows the deep religious climate that brought forth the inspired words and music.

It would be valuable for each Christian home to have a copy of this significant book to learn of the inspiration behind the great hymns of the church.—TRUMAN C. ROBBINS

Counseling

This Holy Estate. By Herbert F. Reichert. The Christian Education Press. 56 pages. \$1.

A unique approach to pre-marital counseling is presented in this book. The author, Herbert Reichert, has served as pastor and hospital chaplain of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ). Convinced that every couple should approach marriage with a Christian understanding of life, Reichert makes the marriage service itself the basic

tool of the pre-marital counseling experience. He has demonstrated that every affirmation, vow, and prayer can become a point of contact for a vital presentation of the Christian interpretation of marriage. He testifies that the counseling experience is more meaningful because the couple can identify it with the marriage ceremony. The book mentions and describes the possible use of several recognized resources in the pre-marital counseling field.

The book is theologically sound and proves to be refreshing. Its goal is to present an approach whereby the pastor can lead the couple to recognize that the purpose of marriage can be achieved only through recognition of its religious significance. The author has accomplished this goal capably. Young ministers who find it difficult knowing just where to begin in pre-marital counseling will find this book most helpful.

The book is not intended to be presented as a gift to couples but rather used as a handbook for effective counseling. It would also be a valuable tool for certain cases of marital counseling. Another important use of this book would be as a special study for post-high youth or young adults who are looking toward a Christian marriage.—KENNETH W. COY

The Alcohol Problem

What Shall We Say About Alcohol? By Caradine R. Hooton. Abingdon Press. 127 pages. \$2.

Dr. Hooton presents a positive approach to a very real problem. He is more interested in giving basic reasons for total abstinence than he is in pronouncing judgment against those who use strong drink. He presents alcohol as the enemy of the Christian personality. Anyone called to speak on the subject of temperance will find these eleven chapters filled with scriptural, scientific and sociological information that supports a Christian answer to the question, "What Shall We Say About Alcohol?"—R.E.B.

CAMPUS COVERAGE



FRANCIS B. STEPHEN, professor of crafts and public school art at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., displays his brooch entitled, "Jonah," which depicts the disgruntled prophet under his gourd vine at Nineveh. Professor Stephen goes to the Bible for themes for his prize-winning jewel craft; among them was his "Crown of Thorns" which will be displayed in Europe this summer.

Wins Scholarship Award

TOUGALOO, MISS.—James W. Davis, Jackson, Miss., a senior student here at Southern Christian College, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson fellowship for next year.

The award carries a basic stipend of \$1,500 plus family allowances and full costs of a year's graduate study.

Some 8,800 college seniors throughout the United States from 861 institutions competed for the fellowship awards this year. The competition is designed to help in seeking out the best possible talent for college teachers and providing them with a year of graduate study at any university of the student's choosing.

New Dean for TCU

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—President D. Ray Lindley of Texas Christian University recently announced the appointment of Norman Kenneth Fulkerson, Dumas, Texas, as assistant dean of men.

A graduate student in the mathematics department, Fulkerson will begin his new duties in September.

He succeeds Patrick Hyde of Okla-

homa City who will take up his duty with the U.S. Army Corps of Chaplains this fall.

Plans Graduate Study

LEXINGTON, KY.—Larry T. McGehee, director of Alumni Affairs and Church Relations for Transylvania College here, has resigned his position to accept a Danforth Foundation Fellowship for graduate study

at Yale University Divinity School.

A graduate of Transylvania in 1958, he has served as director of alumni affairs for the past two years and director of church relations for the past year.

Rolls Out Red Carpet

WILSON, N. C.—The Wilson Chamber of Commerce recently rolled out the red carpet with a week-long celebration saluting Atlantic Christian College which is located here.

The civic organization spotlighted the importance of this institution of higher education as it promoted the cultural and economic aspects of the community.

All segments of this city—churches, civic clubs, merchants and professional groups—joined with the chamber in the celebration.

\$34,000 Gift to C-S

CANTON, Mo.—The Gardner-Denver Company of Quincy, Ill., has announced a \$34,000 gift to Culver-Stockton College located here.

The gift is non-restricted and will be used in the area of the Great Teaching Program, which is a major segment of the ten-year \$5,000,000 development program of Culver-Stockton.

Also included in the development program is the construction of five major buildings, among them a fine arts center, men's student residence, chapel, student union and science building.

● **John Aupperle**, pre-ministerial student from Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named the outstanding junior man at **Bethany College**, Bethany, W. Va. Miss Linda Lewis of Beech Bottom, W. Va., has been named the outstanding junior woman.



CONSTRUCTION IS UNDER WAY for this new residence hall to house 104 men at Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. The building and furnishing cost has been estimated to be \$280,000. Completion date is Jan. 1, 1961.

"The spirit and soul of all reformation is free discussion."

—Alexander Campbell



Letters . . .

Sincere and Disturbed

Editor, *The Christian*:

It is not easy to be completely Christian in controversial issues that could have such far-reaching effects because of man's frailties in handling both law and government.

Without malice, I find: (1) The sharp remarks to difference of opinion in *The Christian* unwarranted, (2) The position taken by both our weekly and *World Call* editors to recognize Red China so we can obtain news of our Christian friends and to get behind the Bamboo Curtain in the hopes of gaining understanding, to be unrealistic and disturbing. Of course these are Christian hopes . . . but how will we reconcile the danger such an event, if possible, would cause these very people we cherish! I would much prefer not too accurate "news" or none at all if it for one second jeopardized a believer!

Also, can you imagine what such an act of recognition would cause throughout the smaller nations and those who count us as friends in Asia? We would be "heckled" throughout the world . . . and our gain? One cannot help remembering the clergy's attitude (God bless 'em) on conscription in the defense set-up some years ago, and then that it was said (in some quarters of the church) the new lords of China (the incoming Communists) would not interfere with the Church but were political only.

Now I do not wish to confer anything but love upon our clergymen as a whole. Perhaps it is this very characteristic which makes them most fitted to be men of God. Yet more than once idealism has clouded their realistic vision.

Perhaps this is as it should be; but when it comes to recommending recognition of the People's Republic of Red China and the abolition of capital punishment here in America, I believe lay people should, at the risk of being un-Christian, express this growing concern at what appears to be a very definitely organized attempt in both instances . . . with the churches in America acting as a "tool" because of the very nature of their belief about killing.

Who has the most to gain if either

of these issues becomes successful? Take capital punishment, for instance. No one likes to kill in war either—but it's their life or yours. The criminal, after the human mind forgets with time, can through technicality or payoff—with man's proven dishonesty, become free to prey on other innocent victims.

The underworld and subversives have the most to gain by abolition of the death sentence. More and more their heavy hand is being felt in advantageous places. With their reservoir of wealth they can and do accomplish astonishing things. I believe that this may be one of them.

I'm sorry, but this is the way many feel; and it is a little frightening to realize people are too indifferent to express it in time. We in this country are not without fault, but the good there is and the advantages of a democracy can slip, little by little, in just these subtle and devious ways.

Now don't take pot shots at me; I am deeply sincere and disturbed.
—W. L. MARTIN, Charleston, W. Va.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: *We're all sincere—and disturbed—and an exchange of conscientious views is not to be confused with "pot shots."* Our correspondence and reading would indicate that the division of opinion on these two subjects is not between clergy and lay people. We believe all should exercise judgment on the subjects and those who have done so are well divided.

Memorial Chapel

Editor, *The Christian*:

The description of Senator John F. Kennedy's action in canceling an agreement to speak on a program featuring the completion of a campaign for the "Four Chaplains' Memorial Chapel" has been fully reported by Dr. Daniel Poling. On order of a Roman Catholic archbishop, Senator Kennedy canceled the appointment, giving as the reason the location of the Memorial Chapel.

One wonders if a location of the Memorial Chapel on Roman Catholic premises would have been acceptable to the cardinal issuing the order, seeing that three of the four chap-

lains who went down with the *Dorchester*, after giving their lifebelts to four soldiers who had none, were not Roman Catholics. Almost amusing was the offer of the Senator (evidently with approval by the cardinal), to send his address to be read, although he himself declined to be present.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* (Feb. 14, 1960) carried an article by a daughter of Alfred E. Smith, bitterly attributing her father's defeat in the presidential campaign of 1928, to prejudice and bigotry of non-Catholics. The words, "bigotry," "intolerance," "prejudice" are handy terms for Roman Catholics, and will probably be spoken and in print considerably, in the political campaign of 1960.

In press-releases, Senator Kennedy blithely stated that he followed "the precepts of the Catholic Church," in declining to approve by his presence "a memorial . . . to be located in the sanctuary of a church of a different faith." Any sign of prejudice here?

The Roman Catholic Chaplain may have knelt between the two Protestant Chaplains, or between the Jewish Chaplain and a Protestant. Where were the childish and absurd "precepts of the church," at such an hour of devotion and sacrifice?—BEN H. CLEAVER, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Word From Jamaica

Editor, *The Christian*:

Since I am in Jamaica I seem to prize more highly than ever *The Christian* and the news it brings.—J. D. MONTGOMERY, Kingston, Jamaica

Thanks

Editor, *The Christian*:

I want to congratulate you on your fine editorials in *The Christian*. I find them to be on very timely subjects and clearly and nicely expressed.

I will, also, state that your weekly comments on the Bible school lesson are very interesting and very instructive. I never fail to read them.—H. H. WATSON, Dallas, Tex.

NEWS CAPSULES

✠ First Christian Church, BAYTOWN, TEXAS, held a week of preaching April 10-15. Speakers for the occasion included the following Christian Church ministers: Roy Turner, Emil Bunjes, Harlie Wooland, Walter Hargraves and Ed Dorman. Earl Bissex is pastor of the Baytown church.—Gayle Harris.

✠ E. G. Aubrey, pastor, reports that he has come out of retirement to serve as minister of the Christian Church in JAL, N. M. Twelve have recently united with the church there and a building dedication was held the last of February.

✠ Crestview Christian Church, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., recently oversubscribed a building-fund drive of \$15,000. This with assets of \$95,000 will enable the church to break ground for its first new unit early this fall.

✠ The Christian Women's Fellowship sponsored a Passover Supper at Main Street Christian Church, WINCHESTER, IND., on Thursday evening before Easter. Conducted in traditional Jewish style, the service ended with a candlelight Communion service, the presentation of a play by the youth and a baptismal service for 15 people. Thomas L. Henry is the minister.

✠ The Aust adult church school class at Vine Street Christian Church, NASHVILLE, TENN., conducted an essay contest for young people on "What My Church Means to Me." Martha Warder won first place and Janet McGinnis was second place winner.

✠ A 50-star flag was presented to First Christian Church, McPHERSON, KAN., by the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. The organization has three remaining members; two of them, Mrs. C. O. Beavers and Mrs. Ella Graves, belong to First Church.

✠ May Fellowship Day was observed in HOUSTON, TEX., on May 6 by the United Church Women. Elsie Farris, Long Beach, Calif., spoke to the group which met at Bethany Christian Church.—Gayle Harris.

✠ W. L. Burner has served since April 1 as ad interim minister at Franklin Circle Christian Church, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

✠ Will Sessions, pastor of Independence Boulevard Christian Church, KANSAS CITY, MO., will preach in Great Britain this summer for seven Sundays at various Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. His work will be a part of a pulpit exchange arranged by the National Council and British Council of Churches.

✠ Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Floyd have been called to become full-time supervisors of Indian Lake Christian Retreat grounds located

18 miles northeast of INDIANAPOLIS. They are members of the Hansing Park Christian Church in Indianapolis. Indian Lake Retreat is a 34-acre site owned by the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the Indianapolis area.

✠ Chauncey R. Piety served as ad interim minister for the Christian Church at TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N. M., from Dec. 1, 1959, to Easter. During that time ten people united with the church.

✠ First Christian Church, ADA, OKLA., recently organized a S.C.F. (Senior Citizens Fellowship) for its members who are 65 years old or older. The purpose of the group will be primarily for fellowship. Amos W. Myers is pastor of the church.

✠ Byron Spice, missionary to Mexico, conducted a school of missions at First Christian Church, TEMPLE, TEX., April 10-14. The youth of the church have completed all mission projects and added a new piano to the CYF room.

✠ Under the direction of Erskine Hatfield, evangelistic department chairman, and the leadership of Ben F. Hagelbarger, ad interim pastor, First Christian Church, ALEXANDRIA, VA., had 34 additions during the Easter season.

✠ Since the beginning of the church year, St. Nicholas Park Christian Church, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., has had 43 additions. This makes a total of 120 additions in less than two years.

✠ Additions for the Christian Churches of NEW MEXICO during the Easter season were 67 baptisms and 99 transfers, according to an announcement received from Ralph B. Fouts, state secretary-director.

✠ L. O. Leet, stewardship evangelist, directed a 12-day crusade at First Christian Church, GREENVILLE, MISS. At the closing victory service May 8, 114 tithing covenant cards were signed. Millard W. Baggett is the minister.

✠ The spring convention of Christian Churches for district 18 was held at Bethany Church in HOUSTON, TEX., on May 15. Professor William D. Hall was the main speaker.—Gayle Harris.

✠ Memorial Christian Church, JACKSBORO, TEX., held a "Quest for a Christian Faith" lectureship May 8-15. Speakers for the occasion included: Travis A. White, Harold L. Linger, Charles F. Kemp, E. C. Rowand, Noel L. Keith and M. E. Sadler.

✠ First Christian Church, STANBERRY, MO., recently honored Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Laughlin

on their 60th wedding anniversary. The Laughlins have been active members of the Stanberry church since 1919 and Mr. Laughlin has been chairman of the board since 1941.

✠ The members of the GRAFTON (VA.) Christian Church Christian Men's Fellowship and their wives observed their second annual "Wives' Appreciation Night" on May 4. Each lady present received a gift. Fairmount White, director of education for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, was the speaker.

✠ At the invitation of the All Canada Committee, Ben Stevenson of the Department of Men's Work, and Loyd Hadwiger, layman from First Christian Church, Cherokee, Okla., visited the Christian Churches of ONTARIO, CANADA, the latter part of April. The men spoke in behalf of men's work and the general brotherhood program. Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Hadwiger accompanied the men and spoke to the women of the churches in Ontario.

✠ W. W. Jones, San Antonio, conducted an eight-day revival in First Christian Church, ALVIN, TEXAS, recently. A total of 18 additions were added to the church.

✠ George E. Wascovich, minister of First Christian Church, FORT WAYNE, IND., was recently elected president of the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association.

✠ First Christian Church, McPHERSON, KAN., recently honored two women with "Mothers of the Year" awards. Mrs. J. L. Schwartz was recognized for 20 consecutive years as a church school teacher. Mrs. Anna Holloway, it was pointed out, has five sons and one daughter all married, and, along with their children, all active in the Christian Church.

✠ James Larson has resigned as minister of First Christian Church, PAOLA, KANSAS, effective July 29, to enter Phillips University, Enid, Okla., where he plans to study for the mission field. Spencer Austin, a native of Paola and now executive secretary of Unified Promotion, spoke at the church on June 19. The occasion was the burning of the mortgage on the new church building.

✠ Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carty held a preaching mission at First Christian Church, ARDMORE, OKLA., concluding on March 6. Thirteen were added to the church and the minister, Richard DeVilliers, reported that the preaching services were well attended.

✠ Among those who attended the Protestant Leader Development Laboratory at GREEN LAKE, WIS., April 2 to May 8 were: Clinton Henderson, Minister of Education for Central Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.; A. C. Cuppy, National Director of Church Vacations for The United Christian Missionary Society; Mrs. Evelyn Wagner, State Chairman of Youth Work for the Indiana Christian Churches; Bonnie Bates, Interim Departmental Associate for the United Society; Iris Ferren, National Director of Youth Work, United Society; and Henry A. Stovall, Director of Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky.



LET'S TALK IT OVER

by F. E. Davison

QUESTION: Who is responsible for our convention programs? There were certain features of the Denver convention that were not very inspiring to me. It seems to me that when we spend money to go long distances to an International Convention every session should lift us to great heights.

ANSWER: There are many questions sent in for this column about which I am not adequately informed but of course that does not keep me from talking them over. I have been through the mill of trying to set up convention programs that are supposed to please eight or ten thousand people. Believe me—it is not easy. Not all conventiongoers are inspired with the same things.

Who builds the convention program? That is done by a program committee. The Denver program committee was made up from our most capable brotherhood folk. They labored faithfully to build the best program possible. Such a committee has to take in consideration the variety of interests upon the part of people attending our conventions. There are certain causes that demand attention and the committee tries to devise the very best way of presenting those causes. Sometimes those ways are effective and at other times they miss the mark.

Convention speakers are chosen on their reputation in

certain fields. The program committee does not write the speeches. Even speakers with wide reputations do not always bat one thousand. These speakers often fail to sense the situation and consequently leave the hearers greatly disappointed. I know what it is to have people expect much and receive little. A long train ride, a sleepless night, and a poor meal can be as disastrous to a speaker as lack of preparation and stage fright. Any convention should be measured not by a few disappointments but also by those speeches and sermons that did hit center and lift the convention to new visions of Kingdom tasks.

A convention is measured not merely by its program but also by its spirit of harmony and fellowship. The business sessions at Denver moved with remarkable unanimity of opinion and with no bitterness of debate. This was made possible by the diligent labors of the committee on recommendations. It may seem that the speedy handling of items of business indicates "steam-roller" tactics. Instead it means that the people of the convention have great confidence in the judgment of this capable committee.

Measured by the standards of fellowship the Denver convention would have to be put at the top of the ladder. The inspiring addresses plus the genial and consecrated spirit of the convention president, John Paul

Pack, set the stage for the true spirit of brotherhood and goodwill. They announced that more than 9,000 people had registered for the convention and I think I shook hands with 8,999 of them. The convention corridors, the large exhibit room, and the attractive convention lobbies all contributed to the spirit of good fellowship.

At the closing session of the convention, Loren Lair, the state secretary of Iowa, was installed as the new president. This great churchman and Leslie R. Smith, program chairman, started at once to prepare for the next convention. It is certain that when the saints come marching into Louisville, Ky., this fall they will be looking forward to another season of refreshment and inspiration.

